

Wisdom:

"You don't have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter and then be willing to live and die for them."

Proverbs 3:13 (NKJV) Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding

Proverbs 4:5 (NKJV) Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not...

Proverbs 16:16 (NKJV) To get wisdom is better than gold...

William Ernest Henley - Invictus:

"It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll. I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."

C.S. Lewis:

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose the latter."

Four Pieces of Counsel for Graduates:

1. Pray for wisdom

1 Kings 3:9–14 (NKJV) Lord, give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who can judge this great people of Yours? ¹⁰The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹Then God said to him: Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹²behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

2. Ask God to speak to you through His Word

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

3. Seek to do everything to God's glory

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

4. Think often of the day you will die

Psalms 90:10–12 (NKJV) The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. ¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.