

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SERVICE

### #372 OUNCES OF WISDOM XV

This week is #15 in the Ounces of Wisdom series. The purpose of this series is to encourage introspective thinking that will lead us to fulfill our plan for service, within God's will.

1. Paul to Titus on the qualities of an Elder: "In doing so, observe the tests I prescribed: Is he a man of unimpeachable character, faithful to his one wife, the father of children who are believers, who are under no imputation of loose living, and are not out of control? . . . He must not be overbearing or short-tempered; he must be no drinker, no brawler, no money-grubber, but hospitable, right-minded, temperate, just, devout, and self-controlled. He must adhere to the true doctrine, so that he may be well able both to move his hearers with wholesome teaching and to confute objectors." Titus 1:5-9
2. "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed." President Thomas Jefferson
3. "We are living in times when every decent anchor we have known on the sea of life is being cut loose or thrown overboard, leaving us helplessly adrift. Is it any wonder that we have so much tragedy in the lives of our confused youngsters? Dale Evans Rogers 1972
4. "There does not appear to be very much malice in the world. There is simply not enough intelligence to conduct the intricate affairs of a complex civilization." Reinhold Niebuhr 1922 Pastor and Theologian
5. "I see how the first morning light peeps through the small high pane; my God, please make my dying light; if I continued sin as everyone can sometimes fail, grant me your grace, O God, so that I might walk out like a man to face the firing squad." Dutch prisoner in a German concentration camp who was subsequently killed, about 1944
6. "No man is intirely free from weakness and imperfection in this life. Men of the most exalted Genius and active minds, are generally perfect slaves to the Love of Fame." Diary of President John Adams 1756 (spelling and capitalization as in the original)
7. "If you have a chronically critical person (or several) in your life, your first goal should be to stop repeated fights about the criticism and reach the point where you can have an actual discussion." Mark Goodston, MD 2018
8. "I am profitably engaged reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a better man." President Abraham Lincoln
9. "After years of study, she (Dr. Angela Duckworth) determined that perseverance and passion for long-term goals – in a word grit – is a better indicator of success and happiness than IQ or talent." Bottom Line Yearbook 2018
10. "After these words, Jesus looked up to Heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come. Glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee. For thou hast made Him

sovereign over all mankind, to give eternal life to all whom thou has given him. This is eternal life: to know thee who alone art truly God, and Jesus Christ who thou has sent.” John 17:1-3 The New English Bible

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1. Which of the quotes speaks most directly to you? Why is this?
2. Explain the last sentence in the quote from John 17:1-3 above.
3. What is your reaction to the quote from President John Adams in #6 above?

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