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Stewardship

Wisdom in Giving and Companionship

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

Life carries real uncertainty, so wisdom does not cling tightly or walk alone. Scripture points us toward open-handed giving and prudent distribution, while also warning that our closest relationships shape our direction. Choose generosity with foresight—and choose companions who cultivate wisdom.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

Proverbs 13:20

Ecclesiastes 11:2

Key Takeaways

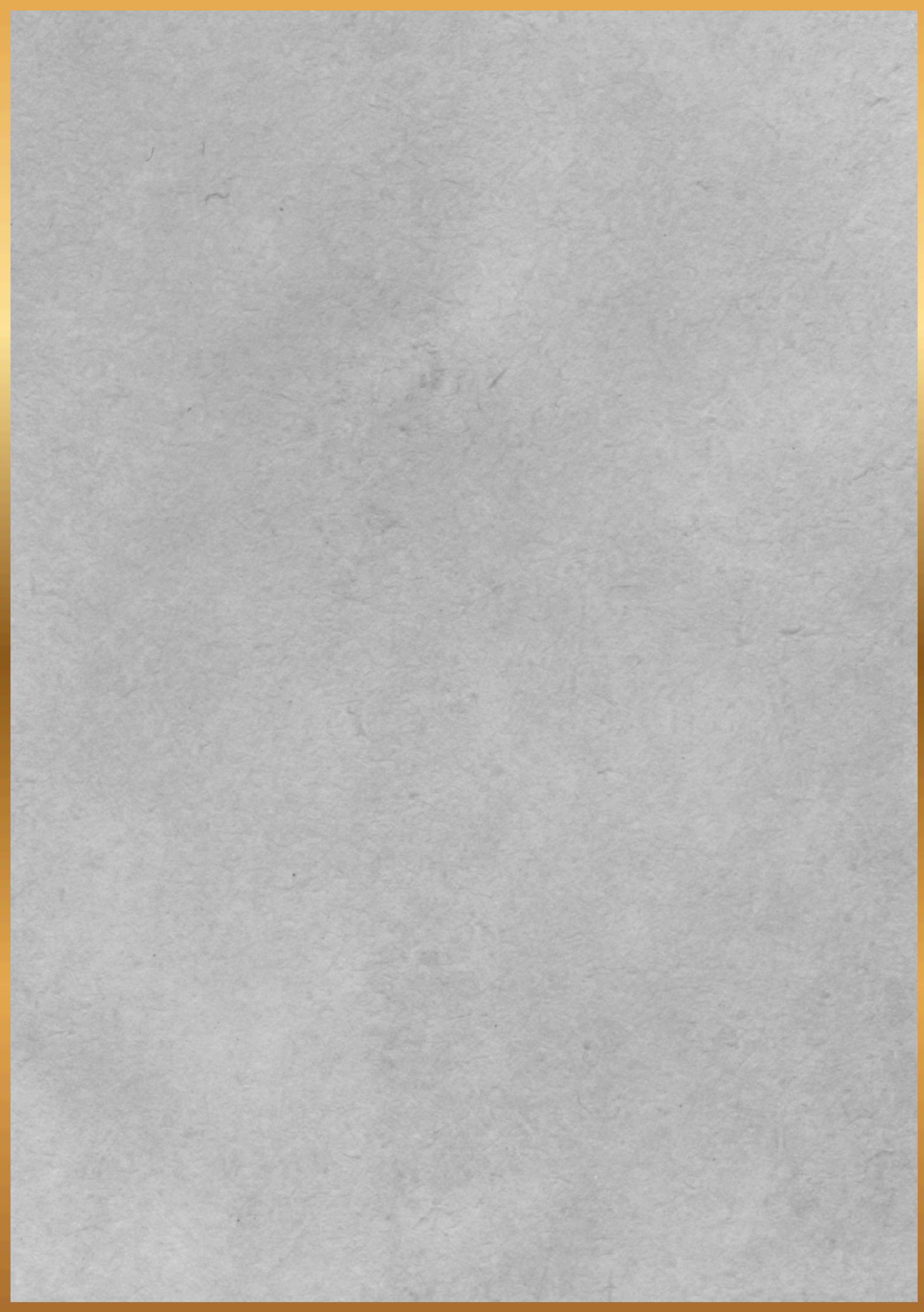
- Practice giving as an intentional “portion,” not only as a spontaneous impulse.
- Distribute wisely (“to seven, or even to eight”) because you do not know what trouble may come.
- Your relationships shape your outcomes: walking with the wise grows wisdom.
- Keeping close company with fools brings harm, so choose your circle carefully.
- Wise living includes both open-handed generosity and guarded relational influence.

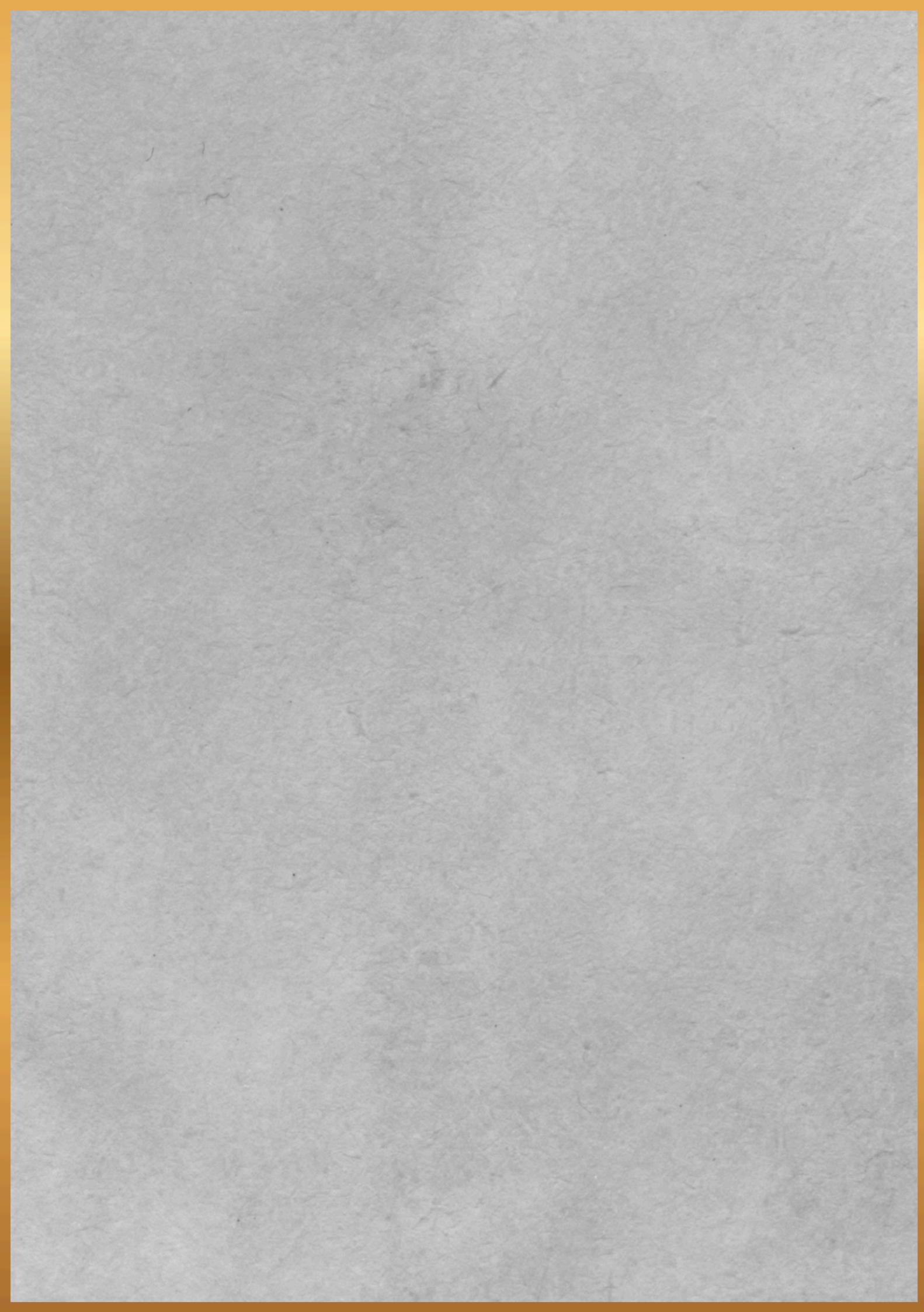
Introduction

Wisdom is not only a private idea; it becomes visible in what a person releases and who a person keeps close. Scripture highlights two everyday arenas where wisdom is tested: generosity in the face of uncertainty, and companionship in the face of influence. Wise people learn to give with intention and to build relationships that shape their character toward wisdom rather than harm.

Scripture Reading

- **Ecclesiastes 11:1-2** — These verses urge active generosity and broad sharing, grounded in the reality that the future is uncertain and trouble may arise unexpectedly.
- **Proverbs 13:20** — This proverb explains the formative power of close relationships: walking with the wise fosters wisdom, while close association with fools leads to harm.
- **Ecclesiastes 11:2** — This line emphasizes prudent distribution (“to seven, or even to eight”) as a wise response to not knowing what adversity may come.





Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- In Ecclesiastes 11:1-2, what actions are commanded regarding giving, and what reasons are provided?
- What does the phrase “to seven, or even to eight” communicate in Ecclesiastes 11:2?
- According to Proverbs 13:20, what are the two contrasting outcomes of walking with the wise versus being a companion of fools?
- What repeated theme connects the giving instruction in Ecclesiastes 11 with the relationship instruction in Proverbs 13:20?
- What words in these passages highlight uncertainty and influence as real factors in daily life?

Interpretation

- Why might Ecclesiastes connect generous distribution with the fact that trouble may come unexpectedly?
- How does the idea of giving a “portion” challenge common excuses for delaying generosity?
- What does “walking with the wise” suggest about how wisdom is gained over time?
- Why does Proverbs 13:20 present foolish companionship as leading to harm rather than merely inconvenience?
- How do these passages balance open-handed generosity with prudent, wise decision-making?

Application

- What specific “portion” could you set aside as a consistent practice of generosity, and what would make it sustainable?
- Where might you need to broaden or diversify your giving in response to uncertainty, without becoming careless?
- Who are the wisest people in your life, and what step could you take to “walk with” them more closely?
- Which relationships or influences most often pull you away from wisdom, and what boundary would be appropriate?
- How can you pursue generosity and wise companionship together so that both your resources and your relationships reflect wisdom?

Prayer Focus

- Ask God for faith to give consistently without fear of an uncertain future.
- Pray for wisdom to distribute resources thoughtfully and responsibly.
- Request discernment to pursue wise companions and receive their counsel.
- Ask for courage to set boundaries with influences that lead toward harm.

Next Step

Choose a clear portion to give regularly and identify one wise person to walk with intentionally for counsel and accountability.

Conclusion

Wisdom responds to life’s uncertainty with thoughtful generosity, refusing to grip tightly out of fear. Wisdom also recognizes that companionship shapes character and direction over time. By practicing intentional, prudently distributed giving and by walking closely with wise people while guarding against harmful influences, life becomes more consistently shaped by wisdom rather than damage.

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