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How To Influence People Wisely
By Louie Marsh, 10-16-2022

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2) I must have the _____ of the Lord!

"¹...A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed." (Ecclesiastes 8:1b, ESV)

3) I need to _____ my mouth!

"²I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, 'What are you doing?'" (Ecclesiastes 8:2-4, ESV)

4) I'll develop _____ with God's help.

*"⁵Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶For there **is a time and a way for everything**, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be?" (Ecclesiastes 8:5-7, ESV)*

- **Good sense of _____**
- **Mapping out _____**
- **Remaining calm & decisive _____.**
- **Possessing _____.**

5) I should possess a _____.

"⁸No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it." (Ecclesiastes 8:8, ESV)

6) I won't take _____ over others.

"⁹All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt." (Ecclesiastes 8:9, ESV)

7) I admit that I don't _____ only God does!

"¹⁶When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, ¹⁷then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out.. (Ecclesiastes 8:16-17, ESV)

3 Mysteries:

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"¹⁰Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity." (Ecclesiastes 8:10, ESV)

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"¹⁴There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous..." (Ecclesiastes 8:14, ESV)

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