

PEOPLE CALLED “WISE” IN THE BIBLE / *Proverbs 3*

The special description “wise” is used for 12 significant people in the Bible. They can be helpful models in our own pursuit of wisdom.

The Person	His or Her Role	Reference	How He or She Practiced Wisdom
Joseph	Wise leader	Acts 7:10	Prepared for a major famine; helped rule Egypt
Moses	Wise leader	Acts 7:20-22	Learned all the Egyptian wisdom, then graduated to God’s lessons in wisdom to lead Israel out of Egypt
Bezalel	Wise artist	Exodus 31:1-5	Designed and supervised the construction of the Tabernacle and its utensils in the wilderness
Joshua	Wise leader	Deuteronomy 34:9	Learned by observing Moses, obeyed God, led the people into the Promised Land
David	Wise leader	2 Samuel 14:20	Never let his failures keep him from the source of wisdom—reverence for God
Abigail	Wise wife	1 Samuel 25:3	Managed her household well in spite of a mean and dishonest husband
Solomon	Wise leader	1 Kings 3:5-14; 4:29-34	Knew what to do even though he often failed to put his own wisdom into action
Daniel	Wise counselor	Daniel 5:11-12	Known as a man in touch with God; a solver of complex problems with God’s help
Astrologers	Wise learners	Matthew 2:1-12	Not only received special knowledge of God’s visit to earth but checked it out personally
Stephen	Wise leader	Acts 6:8-10	Organized the distribution of food to the Grecian widows; preached the gospel to the Jews
Paul	Wise messenger	2 Peter 3:15-16	Spent his life communicating God’s love to all who would listen
Christ	Wise youth Wise Savior Wisdom of God	Luke 2:40, 52; 1 Corinthians 1:20-25	Not only lived a perfect life but died on the cross to save us and make God’s wise plan of eternal life available to us