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AN INFLUENCER KNOWS THAT THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM OTHERS.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 NIV

>> SEPTEMBER 27

Scripture is God's Word, and God's Word is there to help guide and encourage us. It is always good to have Scripture memorized, so in the moments when we need God's encouragement, we are able to fall back on God's Word.

Pick a specific time of day to work on memorizing this verse. This could be at bedtime, as you brush your teeth in the morning, during lunch, or when you're walking home after school. Whatever time you pick, use that same time every day this week to focus on memorizing this verse!

Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them.

Proverbs 4:5 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 28

When we have questions about God or our faith, it can feel like there is no one to turn to for an answer. How do we know we're getting the right guidance? In the book of Proverbs, we're reminded that, as abundant-life influencers, we're called to seek wisdom and good judgment. When we have questions or don't understand something, we can turn to any of the wise people God has put in our lives for guidance. After all, wisdom is one of the most important things we can find! So why not seek it out from the wise abundant-life influencers in our lives?

Who are three people you can turn to when you have questions about God, the Bible, or your faith? This week, use your resources to get wisdom!

"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:49 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 29

When Jesus was a middle schooler, His parents lost Him. Crazy, right? They ended up finding Jesus in the Temple sitting with the religious leaders, listening to them and asking questions. Yes, that's right. When Jesus was around your age, He was looking for ways to learn from those who were older and wiser. He wanted to know more and grow from that knowledge. And as Luke tells us, Jesus grew in wisdom and faith because of His time with those leaders. If Jesus can learn from others, then we definitely can, too!

Take a minute to think about some of the questions you have about faith. Commit to asking someone older and wiser for help in finding some answers.

*As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend
sharpens a friend.*

Proverbs 27:17 NLT

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It's important that when we have questions and want to learn more, we lean on others for support. Having a healthy community to turn to means having people who keep us sharp and challenge us to grow in our relationship with God. When we learn from each other and with each other, we're making each other stronger. That's what real abundant-life influencers do!

Who are the people in your life you can turn to with questions? Who helps you grow in your faith as you learn together? Take a minute to pray a prayer of gratitude that God brought those people into your life. Thank God for the way they make you better and stronger.

*All Scripture is
inspired by God and
is useful to teach us
what is true and to
make us realize what
is wrong in our lives.
It corrects us when
we are wrong and
teaches us to do what
is right.*

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

>> OCTOBER 1

Scripture is there to help us live the best kind of life—a life shaped by following Jesus! The Bible reveals God's incredible love for us. When we're unsure or going down the wrong path, Scripture is there to guide us back toward faithfully following Jesus. We can turn to Scripture to help us live a life that honors God and grow in our faith. That's a pretty cool thing!

Make a list of verses that have been helpful to you in the past. If you need help getting started, ask a family member or friend to share a few of their favorites with you. Keep adding to the list as you come across Scripture that encourages or guides you.

*Jesus grew in wisdom
and in stature and in
favor with God and
all the people.*

Luke 2:52 NLT

>> OCTOBER 2

Today, think about who you're surrounding yourself with. Then, ask yourself, "Are any of these people helping me grow in my faith?" If the answer is "no," pray that God would put someone in your life to help you grow in your faith. If the answer is "yes," thank those people for being people who encourage you to grow!

*It is God's privilege to
conceal things
and the king's
privilege to discover
them.*

Proverbs 25:2 NLT

>> OCTOBER 3

God doesn't always reveal the plans for our lives right away. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just know exactly what to do or where to go in God's plan all the time? Unfortunately, that's not the way it works! Our faith grows as we trust God step by step. When we are curious about what God is up to in our lives, we can spend time with God, read Scripture, pray, and talk with trusted friends. As we do, we'll discover, little by little, the full and amazing life God has for us!

Take a minute to pray, asking God to lead you in God's plan for you and grow your faith step by step. Keep praying this prayer daily because God will always have more to show you!