

**Colleges & Universities
Vision & Direction**

Day 1: Proverbs 2:23

He shall die for lack of instruction ,
and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

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**Do we imitate Christ
or do we imitate Culture?**

**What did Jesus do
in the face of
cultural leadership
when it was misleading
the people?**

Luke 11:45-54 (<https://biblehub.com/context/luke/11-45.htm>)

Jesus faced the intellectual leaders of His day and stood firmly on truth. Those leaders had devised a way of living apart from the laws of God. The goodness of citizens was based on how closely they lived by their contrived standard of right and wrong. Jesus said: **52 Woe to you experts in the law! *For you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.***

The key to knowledge is truth. If anyone pursues to learn and does not base that learning on truth, it will not lead to true knowledge and will lead to error. The prophet Isaiah said **“Truth is fallen in the city square.”** The place of public discourse is devoid of truth because no one is willing to speak up for and stand truth up in the public square.

Truth is fallen and who will stand for truth?

Isaiah 59:14

Justice is pushed back, And righteous behavior stands far away; For truth has fallen in the city square, And integrity cannot enter. *Amplified Bible*

Isaiah 59:4

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. *King James Bible*

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Isaiah 59:4

No one makes claims justly; no one pleads honestly. They trust in empty and worthless words; they conceive trouble and give birth to iniquity.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Morning Prayer:

Pray for our national and local leaders in education to seek TRUTH.

Pray that they will recognize the TRUTH of scripture as the ultimate truth.

Pray that the leaders will come to Jesus, the embodiment of TRUTH.

Pray that this revelation in their lives will bring change in the values we are allowing to be taught in our culture.

Evening Prayer:

Pray that our lives will reflect the truth of scripture.

Pray that we will have the courage to speak into lives the Words of Truth.

Pray that we will have courage to stand up truth in the public square.

Day 2 Morning Prayer:

Proverbs 9:10

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

New Living Translation

Pray for those who lead learning across our nation and across our community to embrace the reality that knowledge and understanding about God is the true foundation of knowledge.

Day 2 Evening Prayer:

Proverbs 1:7

The [reverent] fear of the LORD [that is, worshipping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is **the beginning and the preeminent part of knowledge** [its starting point and its essence]; But arrogant fools despise [skillful and godly] wisdom and instruction and self-discipline. *Amplified Bible*

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Pray that we can embrace God as the SOURCE and DESTINATION of all we do. May our learning and teaching to others reflect this truth about God.

Day 3 Morning Prayer:

Day 3: Exodus 31:1–3
Bezalel and Oholiab

1 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with **wisdom**, with **understanding**, with **knowledge** and with **all kinds of skills**
New International Version

Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge and Skill are the bestowed gifts of God. Let's pray that our local and national leaders in education and learning will recognize the role of God in bringing us learning and vision. Pray that we will turn to God in our times of need for answers to difficult problems and trying situations that God will be glorified in our land through knowledge and education.

Day 3 Evening Prayer:

Day 3: Colossians 2:4-10

4 I tell you, then, do not let anyone deceive you with **false arguments**, no matter how good they seem to be.
Good News Translation

8 See to it that no one takes you **captive** by **philosophy** and **empty deceit**, according to **human tradition**, according to the **elemental spirits of the world**, and not according to **Christ**.
English Standard Version

Pray that we will not be deceived by the false philosophies of human contrivance which are empowered by the dark spiritual forces of our world who do not reflect or honor the purposes and powers of Christ.

Day 4 Morning Prayer:

Day 4: 2 Timothy 2:15

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Study and do your best to present yourself to God **approved**, a workman **[tested by trial]** who has no reason to be ashamed, **accurately handling** and **skillfully teaching** the word of **truth**. *Amplified Bible*

Let us pray that our leaders in education on the national and local level will skillfully and accurately present the truth to students. Pray that they will be confronted with the truth of the creation of people in the image of God, male and female, as Jesus taught us in

Mark 10:6 *New International Version*

“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’

and Matthew 19: 4 *English Standard Version*

He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,”.

Day 4 Evening Prayer:

Day 4: Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:40

And the Child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. *New International Version*

Let us pray that Calvary will continue to grow as Charleston grows. Let us pray that we will be able to bring wisdom and favor with God and man to our area. Let us pray that the grace of God will be visible for all around us to see.

Day 5 Morning Prayer:

Day 5: Proverbs 29:18.

Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God]. *Amplified Bible*

Let us pray that the acceptance of unrestrained life-styles would be thwarted as people are made aware of the clear revelation of the standards and exceptions of God for living. Pray that people would know that the best life is a life filled with

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contentment and holy happiness in accordance with the laws and ways and values of God.

Day 5 Evening Prayer:

Day 5: Amos 8:11

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD. *New American Standard Bible*

Pray that there would be a thirst for the knowledge of God and a hunger for His Word as people seek knowledge and wisdom. Pray that we would align our hearts with the heart of God.

Day 6 Morning Prayer:

Day 6: Luke 21: 14-15

14 So make up your mind not to worry beforehand how to defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you speech and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. *Berean Study Bible*

Let us pray that those in positions of influence within the educational structure of our nation and community will have the courage to speak for God and rely on the promise of His speech and wisdom to be overwhelming to the ideas and arguments of the enemy.

Day 6 Evening Prayer:

Day 6: Philippians 4: 8-9

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things. 9 **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you. *Berean Study Bible*

Pray that our lives of learning and teaching and vision will reflect and be focused on what is true and honorable and right and pure and lovely and admirable and excellent and praiseworthy.

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Day 7 Morning Prayer:

Day 7: Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

English Standard Version

Let us pray that the leaders of education and learning realize that the unless they are building on the sure foundation of the truths of God, the work which they build will not stand in the face of the trials of life.

Day 7 Evening Prayer:

Day 7: James 1:5

5 If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. *Amplified Classic*

Let us pray to the source of knowledge, to the God Who gives liberally to those who ask for wisdom that God will give to us the wisdom and knowledge we need and desire to further fulfill the good works He has prepared for us to do in these days.