

A photograph of a forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is covered in fallen leaves and leads into a dense forest of green trees. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

Spring Forward

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Flora & Fauna Activity

Flora Awakening

- Includes **all** plant life
- Plant life starts to activate and cover vegetation
- Flora produces oxygen and food

Fauna Activity

- Includes **all** animal life, ranging from insects to mammals
- Aids in pollination, seed dispersal, and nutrient cycling





**Obediently
Execute**

Proverbs 6:6-11

Proverbs 6:6-11 (NIV)

⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. ⁹ But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? ¹⁰ A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— ¹¹ then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.

Let your
journey start
and end with
Jesus

How To Obediently Execute



Follow Jesus
(v. 6-7)

Talk to Jesus
(v. 7-8)

Have Faith
in Jesus
(v. 7-11)

Absorb
Jesus
(v. 8-11)

You Need Wisdom (v. 6)

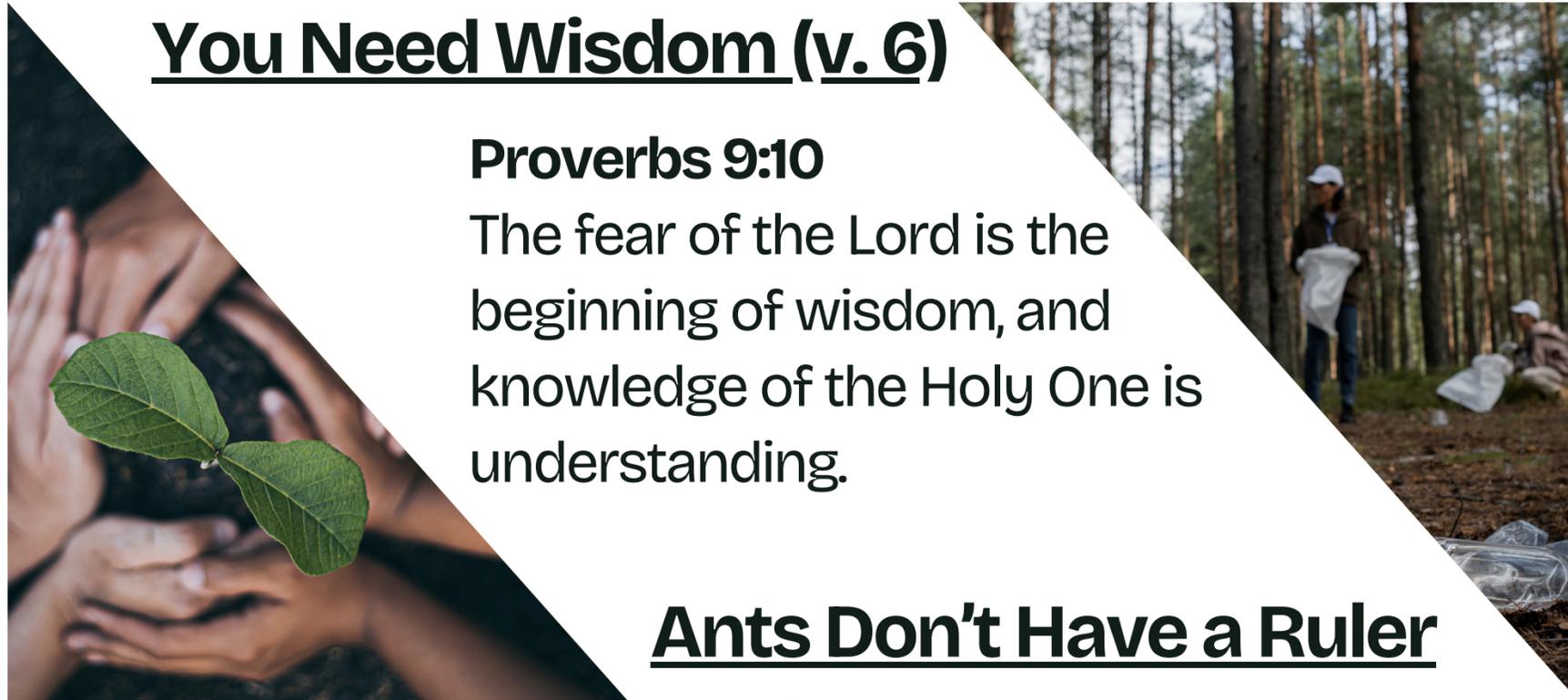
Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Ants Don't Have a Ruler but You Do (v. 7)

- He's the One you're obeying (John 14:23)
- He's working alongside you (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Follow Jesus (v. 6-7)

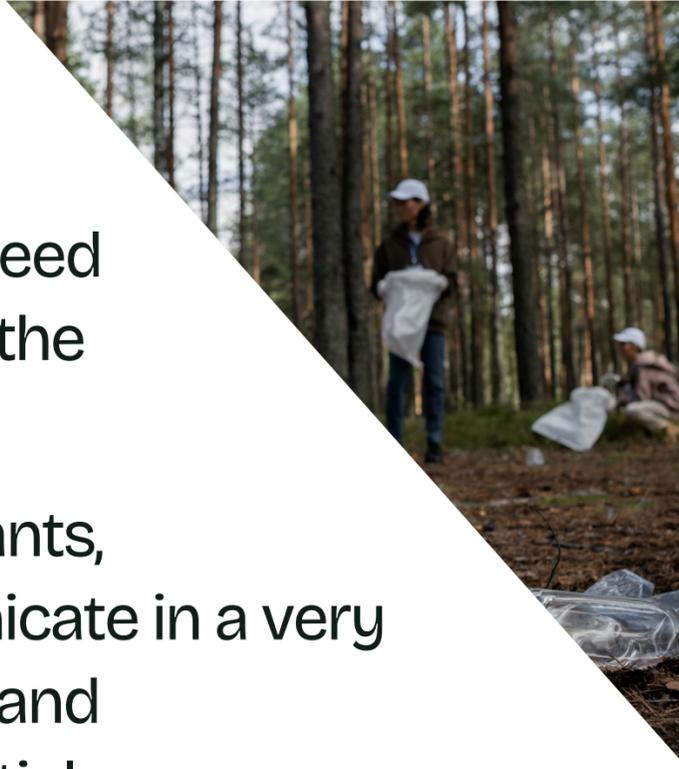
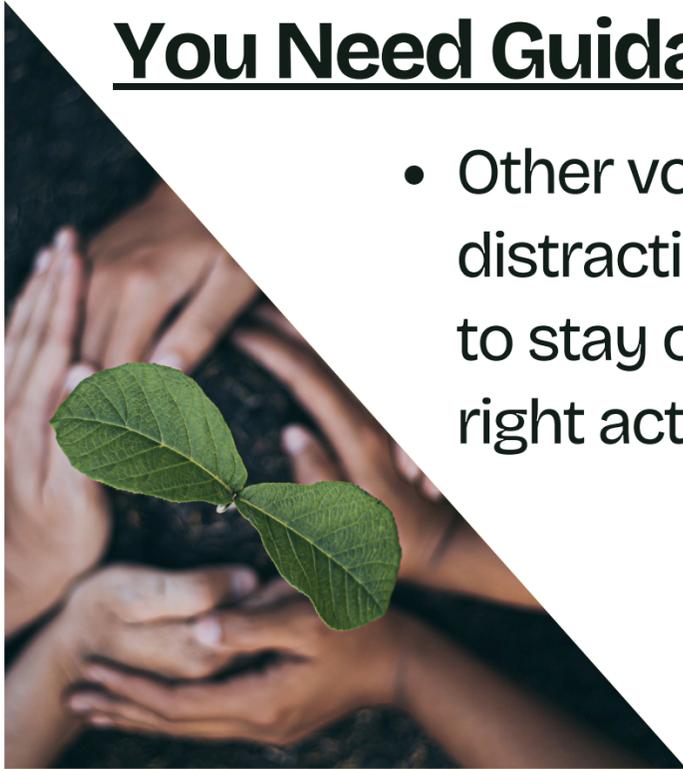


Direction & Protection

- God's wisdom will give you a solid entry point, just like ant hills serve as entrances to the underground nest.
- God's wisdom will protect you, just like ant hills regulate the nest temperature and protect it from flooding.

You Need Guidance (v. 7)

- Other voices are distracting and you need to stay on track with the right activities
- We, like ants, communicate in a very sensory and experiential way, so don't forsake communion with God



You Need Affirmation (v. 8)

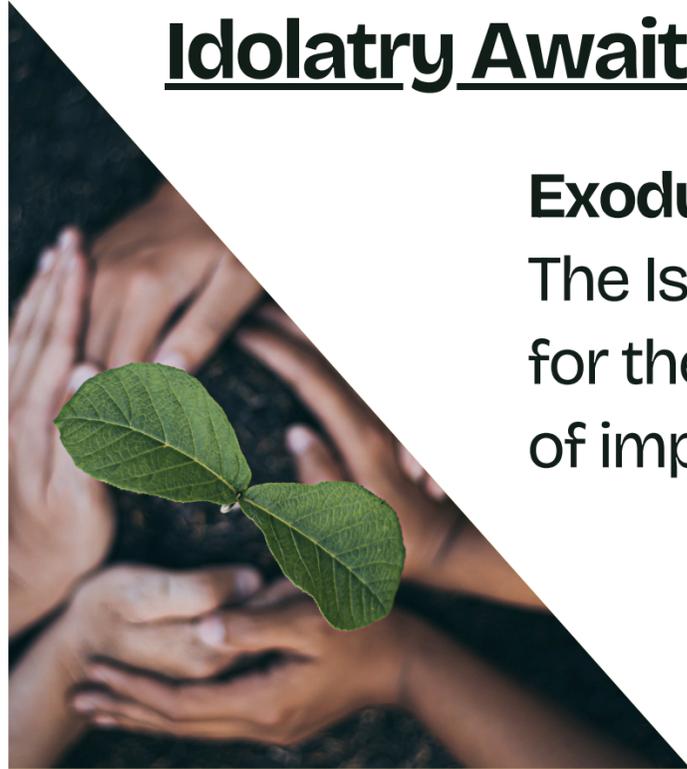
- Reduce the need for human validation or monitoring
- Affirmation encourages diligence
- Build faith by obeying God for the next 20 minutes (Elisabeth Elliot)

**Talk to Jesus
(v. 7-8)**

Idolatry Awaits (v. 9-11)

Exodus 32:1-6

The Israelites made gods for themselves because of impatience



You Belong to Him (v. 7-8)

Sentiment and prayer from Jim Elliot's journal entry:

- "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
- "God, light these idle sticks of my life, and may I burn up for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine"

Have Faith in Jesus (v. 7-11)



You Need Him to Produce Fruit (v. 8)

John 15:1-5

- You can only bear fruit if you remain in Him
- Apart from him, you can do NOTHING

James 2:14-26

- Faith without works is dead
- Show your faith by your deeds



He's Coming Back (v. 8-11)

Luke 3 (key verses 8-9)

- Your actions prove your repentance
- Trees that don't produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire

Absorb Jesus (v. 8-11)