

# 与智者同行

与智慧人同行的，必得智慧；和愚昧人做伴的，必受亏损。——箴言 13:20

嗨，孩子们！你能认出这是什么吗？如果你说的是“飞机窗户”，那你就答对了。有多少人喜欢坐靠窗的座位呢？我就是其中一个。在飞机上望向窗外是件很有趣的事——可以观看到飞机起飞，观赏飞机升空后所见到的云朵等等。你有没有想过，坐在飞机前面的驾驶员往窗外看时会看到什么？其实，他们看到的和你看到的一样——就是好多好多的云朵。



现在，我有个问题要考考你——飞机驾驶员怎么知道该往哪个方向飞？他是怎样驾驶飞机从一个城市飞往另一个城市而不迷路的呢？毕竟，天上是没有任何街道或路标可以让他跟随。原来飞行员依靠的是飞机上的导航系统得以从一个城市飞到另一个城市的。



但是你知道吗？当飞机想要降落时，飞行员需要呼叫坐在空中管制塔里的空中交通管制员。你在每个机场所看到的高塔就是空中管制塔。在高塔上，空中交通管制员可以看到所有进出机场的飞机，不仅如此，当所有飞机还远远没有靠近机场时，他就能在屏幕上追踪到这些所有飞机的准确位置。飞行员向空中管制塔呼叫的目的是：**要获得关于在什么时候降落在什么位置的明确指示。**



现在，想象以下这种不寻常的情况……有一天，副机长对机长说：“嘿，我们为什么一定要听他的呢？他总是告诉我们该怎样做该去哪里。我们已经做过几百次了，让我们忽略空中交通管制员的指令，我们自己着陆吧！”孩子们，**此时机长该听谁的呢？**一位是能看清楚将会发生所有情况的空中交通管制员，一位是和他经常一起出行的副机长？嗯……我希望你选择了空中交通管制员，因为听副机长的话是非常非常不明智的。即使副机长是一个非常好的伙伴，在这种情况下听他的，相当于将自己置于危难之中！





今天的圣经故事是关于一位国王，他必须选择他要听谁的话。他名叫罗波安。罗波安是以色列第三任国王。他继承了他的父亲所罗门王的王位，所罗门王继承了他的祖父大卫王。在所罗门王的统治下，以色列既富有又强盛。

罗波安登基不久就遇到了麻烦。百姓们来见罗波安，对他说：“你父亲所罗门王使我们劳作非常重的苦工，对我们收取重税。如果你能让我们的日子过得轻松些，我们就会服侍你。”



罗波安听到这些话后，就询问当年侍奉他父亲的那些智慧人士，该怎么办？这些智者说：“要听百姓的话，和善地回复他们，他们将会是您忠实的仆人。”

但罗波安却不听从智者们的话，反而他转去问他的朋友们该怎么做：“嘿，伙计们，你们觉得该怎么处理？我应该对这些人宽容些吗？”“什么?!”他的朋友们回答说，“你让要他们看看谁才是老大！告诉他们，你会比你父亲更严厉!”



结果，罗波安就照着他朋友们所说的去做了。百姓们因此很生气，说：“算了吧，为什么一定要是你作我们的国王呢？我们可以选一位新国王，建立一个新王国。”噢，糟糕！就这样以色列分裂成两半。罗波安的父亲所罗门将王国交给他，他却使整个国家失去了一半以上。北方王国脱离罗波安后保留了“以色列”的名，而南方王国忠于罗波安，被称为“犹大”。



这是多么惨重的代价，就因为听错了人的话。罗波安不去选择听从他父亲的智慧人士的话，这些智者知道将会发生什么和懂得该如何去应对这些事。他反而听从了他那些朋友们的愚昧建议，而他的朋友们根本就不知道该如何治理国家。



孩子们，懂得该听谁的话是很重要的。听从对的人的话，你是在向成功的方向迈进。可是，听从不当的人的话，你这是在自找麻烦。箴言 13 章 20 节如此说：“与智慧人同行的，必得智慧；和愚昧人做伴的，必受亏损。”圣经说得很清晰明了，如果你和智慧的人交朋友，你也会变得有智慧，这意味着你会在对的时间做对的事情；但是如果你和愚昧的人混在一起，你最终会受到损害。你可能会问，有智慧的朋友是什么样子的呢？这是个很好的问题。充满智慧的朋友不会要求你去做违背上帝旨意的事，那是因为上帝的话语是给人智慧的。他们不会叫你去撒谎、欺骗或偷窃，他们也不会叫你去伤害自己的事，反而他们会给你有益的建议。



至于那些愚昧的朋友，他们的建议可能会给你带来损害，即使他们是出于好意。如果你听信他们的话，你可能最终会惹上麻烦。他们可能会告诉你：“考试作弊一次没关系的”，或者他们可能会约你说，“整晚玩电脑游戏没关系的。”即使这样会导致你第二天太累上不了学。所有这些可能刚开始时听起来像一个不错的主意，但最终，你可以肯定你会付出代价的。让我们信圣经所说的和做圣经告诉我们该做的——与有智慧的人交朋友！选择能给你好建议的朋友，你也会变得有智慧。



接下来，让我告诉你我们教会里的一个女孩，由于她脾气不好所发生的事。每次她生气的时候，她都对周围的人大喊大叫。这不是一件好事，尤其是在学校里。接着，她还会开始大声地喊叫，与人争吵。女孩认为她叫喊得越大声，就越能使人听她的。她认为嗓门越大，事情就会变得更顺利。但是，实际情况刚好相反——人们对她也很生气，有些人甚至开始对她更刻薄。这下子，这位女孩抓狂不起来了，而是变得非常非常难过，她不知道该怎么办！



有一天，一位朋友给了她很好的建议。这位朋友说：“不要再大声喊叫了。如果你想事情有所改变，要温和地说话，且要面带笑容，你会发现事情会变得容易得多。这是圣经教导我们这样做的。”于是，她决定听从她朋友的建议，她停止喊叫，开始轻声点说话，且脸带笑容的说。令她吃惊的是，其他人不再对她刻薄了，他们开始听她的。她很高兴她有一个能给她明智建议的好朋友。当她选择了听一位有智慧朋友的话时，事情对她来说变得好多了。



今天，我们学习了，听从对的人给我们的好建议，会帮助到我们而不是让我们陷入麻烦之中，这是多么重要的事！让我们再看一遍箴言 13 章 20 节的经文，你可能也想强调标记一下，是这样说的：

**“与智慧人同行的，必得智慧；和愚昧人做伴的，必受亏损。”**和智慧的人在一起，聆听他们的声音，会让我们变得有智慧；和愚昧的人混在一起，我们最终会惹上麻烦的。孩子们，对于你来说，有各种各样的朋友，有好朋友也有不适合你的朋友。好朋友会对你坦诚相告，比如他们会对你说：“如果你总是张大嘴巴咀嚼，人们会不想和你一起吃饭的。”你可能不想听这些话，但你可能需要听从他们来帮助你变得更好。和一些其他朋友相处，刚开始时在一起似乎会很有趣。当他们谈到或要去做某些事情时，他们看起来是那么令人兴奋。比如，他们会建议说：“做作业太无聊了！让我们先玩电子游戏，看能不能挑战最高分？！”但我想你一定预料到后果——你必会为此付出代价！

那么，你怎么知道谁会是一位充满智慧的朋友呢？记住：一个有智慧的朋友是永远不会让你做任何损害你自己或让你陷入麻烦的事情中的。如果你不确定谁是智慧的朋友，你可以请求天父上帝告诉你。问问祂你交的朋友对不对。你可以相信神会引导你结交不会伤害你的好朋友。所以，要选择对你好的好朋友。**与智者同行，你也将成为智者！**



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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

## **WALK WITH THE WISE**

**Walk with a wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. – Proverbs 13:20, NIV**

Hey Rock Kidz, can you recognize what this is? If you said “airplane windows”, you’re correct! how many of you prefer the window seat? Me! It’s fun looking out the window – watching the plane take off and looking at the clouds once the plane is in the air. Have you ever wondered what the pilot sitting in front of the plane sees when he looks out of the window? He sees what you see! Clouds and more clouds!

So here’s a question for you- how does the pilot know which way to go? How does he navigate the plane from one city to another without getting lost? After all, there are no street or road signs for him to follow. To get from one city to another city, the pilot relies on the navigation system in his plane.

But did you know when the plane wants to land, the pilot needs to call in to the air traffic controller sitting in the air control tower. It’s the tall tower that you see in every airport that you go to. And high up in that tower, the air traffic controller gets a full view of all the planes coming in and going out from the airport. Not only that, he can also track on his screen the exact location of all the planes long before they get near the airport. The pilot calls into the air control tower to get clear instructions on when and where to land.

Now imagine this unusual situation ... One day the co – pilot says to the pilot, “Hey, why do we have to listen to him? He’s always telling us where to go and what to do. We’ve done this hundreds of times already. Let’s just forget about the air traffic controller and land the plane ourselves!” Rock Kidz, who should the pilot listen to? Should he listen to the air traffic controller who can see what’s going on ... or the co-pilot, the friend he hangs out with a lot. Hmm ... I hope you picked the air traffic controller because listening to the co-pilot would be really, really unwise. Even if the co-pilot was a really good guy, in this situation is to set yourself up for disaster!

Today’s Bible lesson is about a king who had to choose who he wanted to listen to. His name was Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the third king of Israel. He came after his father, King Solomon ... who came after his grandfather King David. Under King Solomon, Israel was rich and strong.

But as soon as Rehoboam became king, there was trouble. The people came to Rehoboam and said, “Your father, King Solomon made us work very, very hard and taxed a lot of our money. If you make things easier for us, we will serve you.”

When Rehoboam heard this, he asked his father’s wise men what to do. The wise men said, “Listen to the people and speak kindly to them. They will be your loyal servants.”

But Rehoboam did not listen to the wise men. He asked his friends what to do, “Hey guys, what do you think? Should I go easy on the people?” “What?!” His friends said, show them who’s boss. Tell him that you will be even worse than your father!”

And that was just what Rehoboam did. And this made the people so angry, they said, “forget it! Why are you even our king? We will pick a new king and start a new kingdom.” Oh dear! Just like that Israel split into two! Rehoboam lost more than half the kingdom his father Solomon gave him. The northern kingdom left Rehoboam kept the name “Israel”, and the southern kingdom that stayed loyal to Rehoboam became know as “Judah”.

What a terrible price to pay for listening to the wrong people. Instead of listening to his father’s wise men who understood what was going on and knew what needed to be done. Rehoboam listened to the foolish advice of his friends who knew nothing about how to run a kingdom!

Rock Kidz, it is so important to know who to listen to. Listen to the right people, and you set yourself up for success. But listen to the wrong people, and you set yourself up for trouble! Proverbs 13:20 says, “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.” The bible is clear. If you are friends with people who are wise, you will become wise too. This means that you will know the right thing to do at the right time. But if you hang out with foolish people, you will end up getting hurt.

What are wise friends like, you may ask? That is a good question. Wise friends will never ask you to do things which go against God's word. That's because God's word gives wisdom. They won't ask you to lie, cheat or steal. They won't ask you to do things that harm yourself. They will give you advice that is good for you.

As for foolish friends, they often give advice which may bring you harm, even if they mean well. If you listen to them, you may end up getting into trouble. They may tell you it's ok to cheat on a test and it's "just one time". Or they may say it's fine to play computer games all night, even if this makes you too tired for school the next day. All these may sound like a good idea in the beginning, but in the end, you can be sure that there will be a price to pay! Let's believe what the Bible says and do what it tells us to do: Make friends with those who are wise. Choose good friends who can give you good advice. Then, you will become wise too!

Let me tell you what happened when a girl from our church had a problem with her temper. Every time she got angry, she shouted at the people around her. This was not a good thing to do – especially in school! Then she would shout loudly and start quarrelling with people. The girl thought that the more she shouted, the more she could make people listen to her. She thought that the louder she got, the better things would turn out for her. But the opposite happened – people just got mad at her and some even started being mean to her. This time, instead of just being mad, the girl started to be very, very sad. She did not know what to do.

One day, a friend gave her good advice. The friend said, "Don't shout anymore. If you want something changed, speak gently and smile instead. You will find that things will be easier. This is what the Bible teaches us to do." She decided to follow her friend's advice. She stopped shouting and started speaking more gently. She also spoke with smile. To her amazement, the others stopped being mean to her. They started to listen to her. She was so glad that she had a good friend who gave wise advice! When she chose to listen to a wise friend, things got better for her!

Today we learned how important it is to listen to the right people who give us good advice that help us instead of getting us into trouble. Let's look at Proverbs 13:20 again. You may want to highlight this as well. "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." Being with wise people and listening to them makes us wise ourselves. Hang out with the foolish and we set ourselves up for trouble! You know, Rock Kidz. There are different kinds of friends. There are good friends and there are friends who are just not good for you. Good friends tell you honest things. Like "If you keep chewing with your mouth open, people won't want to eat with you." You may not want to hear these things, but you may need to hear them to help you become better. Other kinds of friends may seem like fun to be with now. Maybe they seem exciting when they say or do certain things. Like "Homework is boring! Let's see if we can beat the high score!" but you can be sure that there will be a price to pay for it later!

So how do you know who is a wise friend? Remember this: A wise friend will never ask you to do anything to hurt yourself or get yourself into trouble. If you are not sure who is a wise friend, you can ask God to tell you. Ask Him if you are making the right kind of friends. You can trust Him to lead you to make good friends who won't hurt you. So choose good friends who are good for you! Walk with the wise and you will be wise too!

**Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."**