



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



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The virtue of circumspection means to have careful consideration of circumstances and consequences. In other words, it means to pause and think before you act, to seek advice, or pray before you address a complicated situation. Wisdom often comes from getting older and more mature, but it is also a gift from God. Proverbs 2:6 says, "For the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." God speaks to us through His Word and through our brothers and sisters in Christ. Reading the Bible so that the words are written on the tablets of our hearts is the first step to gain Godly wisdom. But life can be hard, filled with many challenges and we cannot always find clear answers in the pages of the Bible alone. In these times, it can be helpful to seek the advice of Godly people around us. When seeking advice, we should always ask ourselves, "does the advice fit the character and nature of God? Will this advice help me glorify God in all that I say and do?" Circumspection is not only for the aged, but for anyone who is willing to humble themselves in order to bring God glory in everything they say and do.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: CIRCUMSPECTION

"My child, preserve sound judgment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck."
Proverbs 3:21-22



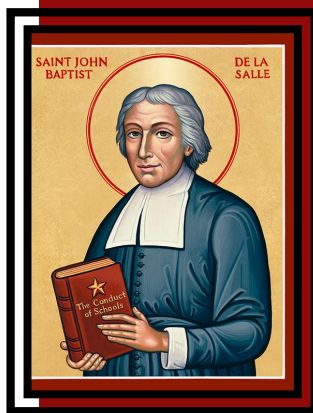
Ideas for Families:

• **Read & Discuss together:**

Proverbs 2:1-8

• **Discuss:** Take this passage a couple verses at a time; say them in your own words.

• **Pray:** Lord, thank you for your Word to help us gain wisdom and discernment. Help us to seek your will and be slow to speak and act so we can glorify you with our words and actions.



St. John Baptist de la Salle

St. John Baptist de la Salle lived in France in the seventeenth century. After completing his theological studies and was ordained a priest, he formed the community known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The educational establishment resented his innovative methods and his insistence on gratuity for all, regardless of whether they could afford to pay. Nevertheless, De La Salle and his Brothers succeeded in creating a network of quality schools throughout France that featured instruction in the vernacular, students grouped according to ability and achievement, integration of religious instruction with secular subjects, well-prepared teachers with a sense of vocation and mission, and the involvement of parents. St. de la Salle became a pioneer in founding many different kinds of schools and trainings for teachers. His work continued to grow even after his death.