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Prov.3,7: *“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.”*

Gal.6,4: *“Each one should test their own actions.”*

Two things I shall not do when I'm wise in my own eyes. 1) I will not fear the Lord, and 2) I will not shun evil, or positively, do good. But that means, being wise in my own eyes I will not actually be wise. For wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord and therefore proceeds to shun evil and do what is right by walking in his ways.

Wisdom must therefore be seen not as something I acquire and have myself taught through knowledge and experience, but as “the gift to recognise the will of God in the real and concrete tasks and circumstances of everyday life.” (D Bonhoeffer)

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” (Jam.1,5)*

Lord God, let us not be wise in our own eyes and show us how not to be; make our eyes steady as we fix them on Christ. Amen