

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success. Ecclesiastes 10 – 10 NIV.

We all know that the best way for a woodsman to chop wood, is to ensure that the axe he uses is very sharp. This makes light work of the job in hand. If the axe is dull, and not kept sharp, then it will take the woodsman much longer to do the job. He does not doubt the benefits of having a sharpened axe to do his work. In turn this will reduce the time required, therefore, he will not be as tired and much happier knowing he has done a good job. The Bible tells us that skill or should we say that wisdom is the key to being like a woodsman's axe. If we are shown the way and learn, then the wisdom that comes with the knowledge, will make us much more fruitful in what we achieve. By not using the dull axe we do not waste our time and energy.

Just as in life's lessons we must trust and look for God's wisdom in everything that we do. And the way to do this, is to read his word faithfully, take everything to him in prayer, be humble and obey the commandments. Look after what we have been given in this world, and ensure our skills remain as sharp as we can, to fulfil the paths that are laid out before us. Be prepared just like our axe, in this it will help us to be atop of the challenges we have to face. Let us always be ready to walk the paths with one another and always in the light of the Holy Spirit walking with us.

Let us always seek for the wisdom from our heavenly Father to guide us along life's path. Loving Lord, we pray for the wisdom to open our eyes and ears and for your truth guiding us in all we do in serving you faithfully in Jesus name. Amen