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sharing God's heartbeat for growing godly kids

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## A Time for Discernment

Deuteronomy 32:28 reads, "They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them." (NIV) Could this describe our nation? Think of discernment as "understanding things from God's point of view". Proverbs 2:6 tells us, "For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." It follows that if we seek the LORD with all our heart, He gives us discernment. If you wish to seek after God with all your heart, there are three things you must do. First, saturate yourself in God's Word. There is no better way to understand things from God's point of view than to read God's Word. Secondly, you must spend time talking to God in prayer. James 1:5 advises, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God." Thirdly, surround

### TESTIMONY

"I really loved the book. When I received this book I figured the book wouldn't be at my level. God proved me wrong...God wants us to evangelize, but we've not always going to do it the same way...God will use all of our differences for His glory...I also realized that I need to get my life focused more around God and let Him guide me through life. I also need to grow closer to God and get my mind off other things. I also learned that God will use me somehow, someway, and it could quite possibly be in a way that I will least expect." *Teenage student.*

yourself with people who can give godly counsel, people whose lives have demonstrated discernment in the choices and decisions they've made. Colossians 1:9-10, supports this: "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."

Our nation needs people with discernment today. People with hearts that desire to please God. This is what **Club DJ, Club DJ CONNECTION** and U.B. David & I'll B. Jonathan Inc. are all about. For over 20 years, D&J has endeavored to raise children and teens whose lives bear godly fruit as they grow in the knowledge and understanding of God through personal discipleship courses! Our motto with **Club DJ** and **Club DJ CONNECTION** (mid week Bible clubs for kids from grade one through high school) reads "Hearts that desire to please God!" If you wish to seek God with all your heart, why not check all three programs out at [www.ubdavid.org](http://www.ubdavid.org).



## PRESIDENT'S HEARTBEAT

# Prudent in Matters

- Vaughan V. Durston

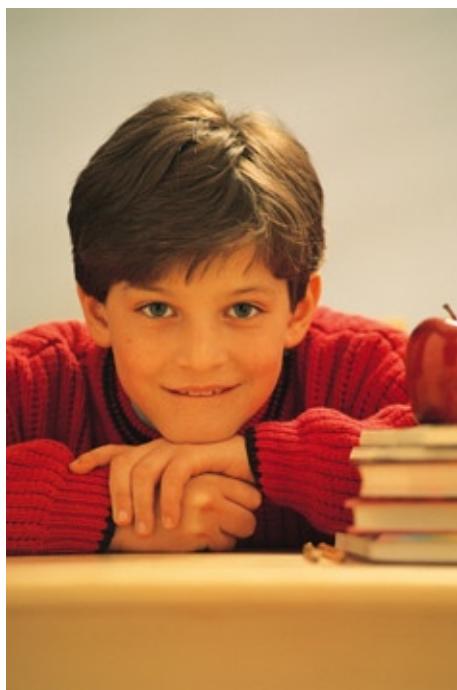
Among many of the good things that were said about David is a statement in 1 Samuel 16:18 where it says he was “prudent in matters.” Another word for prudence is discernment.

Prudence is the wise use of information. We are living in an information age. In fact there is so much information available that today it seems to be more important to know where to find the information than to have it all in your head.

Daniel is told to seal up some things until the time of the end when “Knowledge would be increased and many would run to and fro”. It seems that there is no shortage of information or knowledge. Our problem is prudence or discernment.

This is why we concentrate on giving out the “Truth” in the Bible, and pray that those who hear the truth will be prudent and act on it. In the Bible we find information on God’s one way to get to heaven, and how we can have the assurance of eternal life. The Bible tells us that we should “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (temporal) shall be added unto you.” If we are prudent we will not only receive the information but act on it.

If you want a prayer request for our students it could be that they would become prudent in matters.



**Our Mission**  
“developing young people  
after God's own heart”



## ALBERTA/BC

The smell of ink hits your nose as a new box of camp lessons gets opened. The office is a beehive of activity as hundreds of lessons get assembled for each order. While camps across the country prepare to create the adventure of a lifetime for their kids, snow and rain try to put a damper (?) on preparations. Ha! Rain or shine, camp season is HERE! Thousands upon thousands of kids will make new friends. For many campers, counselors and staff, this is a summer they will remember with great joy for the rest of their lives! And for those who accept Jesus as their Saviour, they will remember this summer for eternity! Praise God!

## TEXAS

God is teaching many lessons to the adults and children who study His Word through this ministry.

1) A young woman who has completed 34 online lessons shares this precious truth that she has learned. “I never have to worry about being saved if I believe in Jesus because God is truly satisfied with His sacrifice.”

2) After doing 75 lessons this man who has given his life to the Lord

## Our Vision

“to see Jesus seated on  
the throne of every ‘David’  
and ruling over all the  
aspects of their life.”

writes, "God will provide all your needs."

3) An exuberant teen who does about one lesson monthly shares, "God has made me His son and given me the spirit of His Son so that I might live like His Son."

4) A young girl doing paper lessons says, "I need God to help me to be strong when people want me to disobey my parents or take drugs. Also, when people tell me that God is not real."

5) A 5 year old boy is learning to trust the Lord. "I prayed for my Grandpa to get well and God answered my prayers."

Continue to pray for many more students to study God's Word. 20,000 lessons are ready for distribution in summer clubs here in El Paso.

## ONTARIO

We thank God for the campers that have continued faithfully with their Bible lessons during the winter months. We have had the joy of mailing out many awards, booklets & Camp Cards.

One boy wrote: "I am really happy that you take the time to do the correcting of the lessons I have done. I really enjoy the Bible stories." The mother added: "We all enjoy reading the lessons together. Our children are 8, 5 & 3."

We know this is taking place in many homes.

Our prayer is the 2008-2009 season will bear much fruit and that many more camps will sign-up and enjoy the blessings.

## Something to Think About

Why is discernment so important? The "self-help" fad of today which promotes all manner of worldly "wisdom" is hard to avoid. Sadly, these harmful, anti-biblical ideas are being promoted more and more within the church! How is this possible?

Discernment is "keenly selective judgment". Without it, we have a strong tendency to surround ourselves with people who tell us what we want to hear. Yet, Jesus gives us the ability to live a transformed life, pleasing to God. He is the only one who can save us. Let's stop turning to foolish doctrines of men which have no power to save us. Let us discern the voice of Christ and allow Him to live his risen life in us!



## SASKATCHEWAN

Please pray for our workers as they prepare 24,000 D&J lessons for the 5-day clubs in Saskatchewan this summer. This needs to be completed by the end of June. An additional 15,000 lessons need to be assembled by the end of the summer for Club DJ. Pray for a real turning to God by the all the boys & girls who receive these lessons.



## Our Method

*Jonathans building up Davids  
“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”*

(I Samuel 18:1)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \* Pray for all of the camp directors as they look for summer staff and volunteers. Pray also that many campers would come to know Christ.
- \* Pray for Child Evangelism Fellowship as they recruit volunteers and line up their backyard clubs for the summer.
- \* Pray for churches across Canada who are considering the use of *Club DJ* for their young people.
- \* Pray for the many hundreds of summer campers and backyard clubbers who will begin doing D&J lessons for the first time in the next few months; for salvation, assurance and firm grounding in the faith as they keep doing lessons.
- \* Pray for more friends to catch the vision and stand with us in supporting this ministry.



## TESTIMONIES...

“This book by Fanny Crosby was amazing. I would like to say thank you for sending me my new lessons, they have quite a lesson to them.” (15 year old)

“Thank you for the years of helping me grow in my faith and learning about God.” (15 year old)

“I have learned more about the Bible from doing these lessons.” (an adult)

“I am sorry my lesson hasn’t made it to you yet. Thank you for reminding me! I really do enjoy doing these lessons! By the way thank you so much for the birthday card.” (12 year old)

“What a pleasure it is for us all the receive *David & Jonathan* in the mail, a definite highlight to our week” (a mother)

“I would like to thank you very much for answering any questions I’ve ever had, and the letters that were always full of advice. I greatly appreciate that” (15 year old)

“I want your group to know that I really like what you are doing and it’s so effective to many lives. My life has been change for the good because of your work.” (young adult)

“I would like to thank you for accepting me into this organization. It has really helped me to become a better Christian.” (16 year old)

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