



Wonderful Counselor

A Light Is Shining – Part 1

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A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Eternal Father,” “Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6 (GNT)

Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”
Matthew 4:13-16 (NIV)

This also comes from the Lord of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.
Isaiah 28:29 (NKJV)

Jesus is my Wonderful Counselor...

1. Because Jesus knows everything about me.

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
Psalms 139:1 (TLB)

Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin!
Hebrews 4:15 (CEV)

2. Because Jesus knows much more than me.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.
Isaiah 11:1-2 (NIV)

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to be his teacher or counselor? ¹⁴ Has the LORD ever needed anyone’s advice? Does he need instruction about what is good or what is best? ¹⁵ No, for all the nations of the world are nothing in comparison with him. They are but a drop in the bucket, ...
Isaiah 40:13-15a (NLT)

God is the one who uncovers what lies deeply hidden; he knows what hides in darkness; light lives with him!
Daniel 2:22 (CEB)

In him (Jesus) are stored all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2:3 (ISV)

3. Because Jesus knows what’s best for me.

Keep company with God (Trust), get in on the best.
Psalms 37:4 (MSG)

He (God) does what’s best for those who fear him— hears them call out, and saves them.
Psalms 145:19 (MSG)

We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God’s training so we can truly live? ¹⁰ While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God’s holy best. ¹¹ At the time, discipline isn’t much fun. It always feels like it’s going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely...
Hebrews 12:9-11b (MSG)

4. Because Jesus knows the real reason I’m here.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will.
Ephesians 1:11 (NRSV)

You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.
Psalms 73:24 (NLT)

The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise (counsel) you and watch over you.”
Psalms 32:8 (NLT)

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.
John 12:46 (NIV)

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
2 Peter 1:19 (NIV)