

Front Porch Wisdom – The Wisdom of a Nation  
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Text: Proverbs 14:34

1. Wise nations understand the importance of their relationship with God

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”*  
Proverbs 14:34

*“Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.”*  
Isaiah 26:2

**Wisdom Action:** Pray for those who lead

*Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.”* 1 Timothy 2:2 NLT

2. Wise nations understand the importance of wise leaders

*“It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness.”* Proverbs 16:12

*“Like a roaring lion and a charging bear is a wicked ruler over poor people.”*  
Proverbs 28:15

*“If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked.”* Proverbs 29:12

*“A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor...”* Proverbs 28:16

**Wisdom Action:** Choose wise leaders

*“Choose some well-respected men from each tribe who are known for their wisdom and understanding, and I will appoint them as your leaders.”*  
Deuteronomy 1:13 NLT

3. Wise nations understand the consequences of rejecting God

*“Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.”* Isaiah 1:4

*“I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.”* Isaiah 10:6

**Wisdom Action:** Do your part to serve God

*“For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.”* Isaiah 60:12