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I invite you my beloved reader to experience for yourself living a life that is filled with the Heavenly Wisdom. You will find success following you everywhere you go. Joy will fill your heart. You will feel the continuous presence of our awesome God.

Where to start from?
In your morning prayers ask God to give you His Wisdom, you may also want to put a little piece of folded paper on the altar with this request.

Obtain a personal version of the Orthodox or Catholic Holy Bible based upon the Greek Septuagint which will include the Book of “The Wisdom of Solomon”. And always remember our Lord said “seek and you will receive” May the Lord fill you with His Wisdom.

–A Mighty Arrows, St. Mary, Atlanta GA

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