Learning

From Volunteers Exploring Vocation

Scripture reading

Wise Sayings of Solomon—A Manual for Living

These are the wise sayings of Solomon,

David's son, Israel's king—

Written down so we'll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it's going;

A manual for living,

for learning what's right and just and fair;

To teach the inexperienced the ropes

and give our young people a grasp on reality.

There's something here also for seasoned men and women,

still a thing or two for the experienced to learn—

Fresh wisdom to probe and penetrate,

the rhymes and reasons of wise men and women.

—Proverbs 1:1-6

Reflection

Many Service Adventure volunteers find themselves in the position of teaching and learning simultaneously. Others are in positions of both seeking and imparting wisdom. Many are asking how they will grow in their volunteer experience or what lessons they will learn. Your experience of living and serving in a new community can be a powerful learning experience.

Questions

• Make a list of people from whom you've learned valuable lessons.

• What are some "nuggets" of wisdom you continue to use in your life today?

• Who are you currently "teaching?"

• What are you currently "learning?"

• Identify one area of your life where you are seeking wisdom.

• Where have you seen an example of the distinction between service and servanthood, having a servant's heart?



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