

BLESSING FOR WISDOM

When I was in the Peace Corps I once took a vacation deep in the heart of the jungle where no one had ever seen a white man. Everyone called me Tuan which means Lord. Some thought I had some kind of special magic. One morning as I was bathing at the river's edge I decided to swim across and back. I was just beginning to teach some of the teens and young people how to follow my example when an old old man walked down to talk with me.

“It must be nice” he said “to have magic white skin”. I assured him that my skin was not magic and neither was I. “But it must be” he said “If a man with brown skin had swum across the river the crocodiles would have gotten him halfway across.”

At that moment my skin was as white as it has ever been. BUT I have never forgotten the lesson. **“It is a good idea to talk to old people BEFORE you try something new.”** Actually there was another lesson: Sin is like that river. It may look like fun, it may seem inviting, you may have done it before but don't jump in young people, even if everyone else is doing it.

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Holy Creator bless this child with a supernatural instinct to protect h__ **heart, mind and eyes** from Sin. Make h__ so sensitive to the Holy Spirit that sin cannot get near h__ without setting off multiple spiritual alarms. Bless h__ with a clear mind so he__ can understand how deadly sin really is. Most of all bless h__ with eyes that are drawn away from the music and movies around h__ and toward **YOU**, toward **YOUR CREATION**, toward **YOUR VISION** for mankind, toward the music of heaven, so that they are never turned in a direction that would allow evil to enter, *not even a little at a time, not even when all h__ friends are doing it.*

For sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. James 1:15

