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We need _____ to see the weather of this world as God sees it. “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5. “Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.” Proverbs 3:13

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