

Episode:	Andy and the New Mayor, Season 3, Episode 3
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Theme Chosen:	Exercising Wisdom
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- Early in the episode, Andy has a meeting with the town's newly elected mayor. The mayor tells Andy that he would be submitting a report to the governor's office regarding all of the departments of the town of Mayberry. The mayor though, seems to have some reservations about the way the sheriff's department has been run.
- What issues did the mayor bring up during this initial meeting?
- What is Andy's take on the criticism of not carrying a weapon?
- Later we're introduced to a prisoner, Jess Morgan. Why is Jess Morgan in jail?
- Andy has agreed to split Jess's sentence into two separate periods. Why?
- What is the mayor's opinion of this approach?
- What action does the mayor take that first day he hears of this plan?
- Jess is to return by 5 pm on the third day after his release. After 2 full days, Jess isn't back yet. How is Barney handling the situation?
- What does Barney suggest to Andy at this point?
- How does Andy respond to Barney's suggestion?
- What happened at 5 pm on day 3?
- How is the mayor feeling at 25 minutes after 5?
- Does Andy finally see things the mayor's way at that point?
- When they finally arrive, where is Jess?
- And what does this prove to the mayor?
- What actually occurred?
- Was the mayor right to be critical of Andy's methods?
- Was Andy operating within established procedural guidelines?
- Do you think Andy cared about what the procedural guidelines said? Or what the mayor said?
- What was Andy guided by, if the procedural guidelines, the mayor's orders, etc were not the final word?
- Can you think of scriptural examples where wisdom was needed?
 - John 8:1-11; Jesus and the Adulterous Woman
 - 1 Kings 3:16-28; Solomon and the dispute over an infant
- How is wisdom obtained?
 - James 1:5 *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*
 - Proverbs 2:1-8 *"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."*
 - Matthew 7:24-28 *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*