

Principles of Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge

Act in Faith

- What do you think Samuel could do to act in faith in this situation? (If you struggle to answer this question, consider reviewing paragraphs 5–7 in the *Doctrinal Mastery Core Document*.)

Examine Concepts and Questions with an Eternal Perspective

Samuel wondered, “Why would the Lord prohibit something that has these health benefits?” Consider how Samuel could examine this question from an eternal perspective by answering the following questions.

- What do you know about Heavenly Father and His plan of salvation that can help when secular knowledge contradicts God’s revealed word through His prophets?
- Even if there are health benefits to drinking coffee, how could having an eternal perspective help us to see that we should continue to obey the Word of Wisdom?

Seek Further Understanding through Divinely Appointed Sources

- How should we think and feel about God’s revealed word to His prophets and apostles compared to other sources of knowledge?
- How can Isaiah 5:20 and Proverbs 3:5–6 help us understand which sources we should trust and prioritize above others?
- What divinely appointed sources would you use to better understand the issue Samuel faced? Consider using your mobile device (if available) to search some of these sources for divinely appointed counsel related to this scenario.

