

Prompting Guide

How to get perfect answers from the Bible Counselor Agent

The agent is **deeply smart** — it auto-detects your intent and never muddles modes. Use the formulas below for precise results. Every answer is KJV 1769 with Wikisource provenance + strategic insight.

Quick Reference

Your Goal	Best Prompt Formula	What You Get
Get Bible verses on a topic	10 verses about [TOPIC] 5 verses that talk about [TOPIC]	Exactly N KJV verses + URL + per-verse insight + summary
Get an inspirational story for your situation	I am [emotion/situation] like [character], what should I do?	1–3 archetypal stories + KJV text + strategy + Best Plan
Get a strategic plan	Best biblical strategic plan for [SITUATION]	Synthesized steps from relevant stories

1 Verse Mode — “Give me N verses about X”

Use when you want **direct scriptures** on any topic. The agent searches the full KJV verse index (120+ curated verses across 40 topics, every verse with Wikisource provenance).

Formula

[N] verses [about / on / for / that talk about] [TOPIC] — N = 1–20 (default 5 if you omit). Topic can be any word: *fear, diligence, love, honesty, background checks, forgiveness, stewardship*.

Best Prompts (copy-paste)

“10 verses about diligence”
“5 verses that talk about fear”
“10 verses to justify background checks”
“7 verses about wisdom”
“What does the bible say about anxiety?”
“List 10 bible verses that talk about honest scales”
“5 verses about love”
“10 verses about strength in weakness”

What you get

An ordered list of **exactly N KJV 1769 verses** — each with verbatim text, **citation** (e.g., *Proverbs 14:15 (KJV 1769)*), **Wikisource URL** ([https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_\(King_James\)/Proverbs#14:15](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_(King_James)/Proverbs#14:15)), per-verse **Strategic Insight**, plus an overall **Strategic Summary**. All citations verify at the canonical source.

Example Output (abridged)

[1] Proverbs 14:15 (KJV 1769) — [https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_\(King_James\)/Proverbs#14:15](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_(King_James)/Proverbs#14:15)
“The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.”
Insight: Due diligence insight — Verify before trusting; diligence is biblical stewardship.

2 Story Mode — “I am in situation X, how did Bible characters handle it?”

Use when you want **inspirational stories** and a **strategic plan** from characters who walked the same path. The agent has **104 archetypal stories** (Adullam, Joseph, Esther, Nehemiah, etc.) with KJV 1769 provenance.

Formula

I am [emotion / situation] like [optional character], what should I do?

Add emotion + context. Longer = smarter matching (the agent reads tags: exile, betrayal, diligence, debt, burnout, etc.).

Best Prompts (copy-paste)

"I am in a cave season, betrayed and hiding like David at Adullam, gathering broken men"

"Falsely accused and forgotten in prison like Joseph, how to handle workplace injustice"

"Need courage to speak up to my boss like Esther, afraid"

"Burnout after victory like Elijah under juniper tree"

"In debt with creditors, only a little oil left like the widow of 2 Kings 4"

"I was a harlot with past shame like Rahab, can God use me?"

"My sons take bribes like Eli — failed parenting, what now?"

What you get

1–3 matched stories: **Title, character, KJV verbatim text + citation URL, narrative summary, what they did, outcome, cross-references, strategy.name + steps**, plus a synthesized ★★★ **Best Biblical Strategic Plan** for your query.

3 Strategic Plan — Direct

Add this line to any story prompt, or ask standalone:

"What is the best biblical strategic plan for rebuilding from ruins?"

"Give me the Adullam strategy for starting with broken people"

"Provide the Joseph Protocol for false accusation"

The agent synthesizes all matched strategies into a sequential plan.

Pro Tips for Deeply Smart Results

Be specific with topic: "10 verses about financial stewardship" > "verses about money" — precision improves ranking.

Always include count for verses: Say **5** or **10**. Omitting count defaults to 5.

For stories, tell your story: "I am short, shamed but seeking like Zacchaeus" beats "Zacchaeus" alone. Agent reads emotion + tags.

Mix optional character hint: Adding "like David / Joseph / Esther" boosts relevance but is not required.

Verify provenance: Every citation is clickable: **Bible_(King_James)/BOOK#chapter:verse** on Wikisource. Canonical: **The_Holy_Bible_(King_James_Version,_1769)**.

No muddling: Verse prompts never return stories; story prompts never return random verses. Modes are strictly separated.

Verse Topics Covered (40+)

- diligence / background checks / vetting / proving
- wisdom
- fear / anxiety
- courage
- honesty / integrity / just weight
- justice / judgment
- faith / trust
- perseverance / waiting
- love / charity
- forgiveness
- leadership / service
- money / stewardship / counting cost
- healing / health
- prayer
- strength / weakness / thorn
- guidance / lamp
- temptation / way of escape
- humility / pride
- grief / loss / broken heart
- work / heartily / diligent business
- peace / perfect peace
- hope / expected end
- protection / refuge

Ask anything: "5 verses about healing", "10 verses on humility", "verses for strength when forsaken" — all mapped.

How to Invoke the Agent

Browser (ngrok — same strategy as DPIA agent): <https://supersubtle-undelectably-kendall.ngrok-free.dev> — type any prompt in the box and click **Seek Counsel**. Local: <http://localhost:8787>

CLI: `bun src/cli.js "10 verses about diligence" --format pretty | bun src/cli.js "I am in Adullam cave fleeing" --format pretty`

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HTTP API: curl "http://localhost:8787/counsel?q=5%20verses%20about%20fear" | curl
"http://localhost:8787/counsel?q=cave%20of%20Adu1lam"
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Close tunnel after assessment: ./run_with_ngrok.sh stop OR ./stop_ngrok.sh — same as DPIA agent.

Provenance pledge: Every verse is KJV 1769 verbatim. Verify at
[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Holy_Bible_\(King_James_Version,_1769\)](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Holy_Bible_(King_James_Version,_1769)) and per-verse URL
[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_\(King_James\)/BOOK#chapter:verse](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Bible_(King_James)/BOOK#chapter:verse). The agent never invents verses. All citations are
generated by **src/provenance.js**.

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