

Wisdom

What Is It?

Wisdom: Wisdom is the God given ability to comprehend and apply knowledge and truth to life's circumstances and problems--to respond to any circumstance in a way consistent with Christ's responses. Wisdom is the outcome of a healthy relationship to God Himself.

Why Do I Need It?

To Enjoy Purpose and Fulfillment in Life

Proverbs 4:7-8 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she shall **promote** thee: she shall bring thee to **honour**, when thou dost embrace her.

To Understand And Apply God's Word

Ecclesiastes 8:1 Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the **interpretation** of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

To Enable To Respond To Life's Problems Successfully

Matthew 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever **heareth** these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. ²⁶ And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: ²⁷ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

To Understand Life From God's Perspective

Ecclesiastes 8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart **discerneth** both time and judgment.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent [wise] *man* **foreseeth** the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished [destroyed].

To Prevent Being Deceived By Sin or Sinful People

Proverbs 13:14-15 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the **snare**s of death. ¹⁵ Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

Proverbs 2:10-12 ¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹² To **deliver thee** from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things...

To Enable Parents To Build A Strong and Godly Home

Proverbs 24:3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding **it is established**: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

To Enable Leaders To Govern Effectively

Proverbs 8:14-16 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I have strength. **By me** kings reign, and princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

Why Should I Desire It?

To Know The Joy of God's Love

Psalm 107:43 ⁴³ Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the **lovingkindness** of the LORD.

To Know The Happiness That Comes With Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13 **Happy** *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. ¹⁴

Proverbs 8:35-36 ³⁵ For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain **favour** of the LORD. For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵ She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her... My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: ²² So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. ²³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. ²⁴ When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be **sweet**....

To Experience The Joys Of Being Blessed of God

Proverbs 8:35-36 ³⁵ For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain **favour** of the LORD.

The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he **blesseth** the habitation of the just. ³⁴ Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth **grace** unto the lowly. ³⁵ The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

How Do I Get It?

It Can Not Be Earned, Bought, or Found Anywhere

Job 28:12-28 ¹² But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding? ¹³ Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living ...The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold. ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.... Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding? ²¹ Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living...And unto man he said, Behold, the **fear** of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to **depart** from evil *is* understanding.

It Must Be Asked For, Recognizing Every Gift Comes From God

James 1:5 ⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him **ask** of God, that giveth to **all men** liberally, and up braideth not; and it shall be given him.

It Must Be Received In Humility - It Can Not Be Acquired

1 Chronicles 22:12 ¹² **Only** the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* **humility**.

James 4:6...God resisteth the proud [those who depend on and insist on their own way], but giveth **grace** [desire and ability to do God's will] unto the humble [those who depend on and submit to God's way].

Learning The Fear of The Lord Precedes Learning Wisdom

Proverbs 9:10 ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Wisdom Is Learned Through The Process of Hearing and Responding Obediently to God

James 1:22-25 ²² But be ye **doers** of the word, and not **hearers** only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But whoso looketh into [examines closely] the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man **shall be blessed** in his deed.

Matthew 7:24-27 ²⁴ Therefore whosoever **heareth** these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a **wise** man, which built his house upon a rock:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth for ever. Ps. 111:10

Wisdom is The Outcome of Giving Intense Priority To Seeking The Scriptures To Know God

Proverbs 2:2-6 ² So that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, *and* **apply** thine heart to understanding; ³ Yea, if thou **criest** after knowledge, *and* **lifest** up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou **seekest** her as silver, and **searchest** for her as *for* hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth [Word of God] *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

Psalms 73:25-26 ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

How Do I Know God Is Giving Me Wisdom?

When I Hate Sin Because It Is a Grief To God - When I Recognize and Hate Pride In My Life

Proverbs 8:13 ¹³ The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward [rebellious; arrogant] mouth, do I hate.

When Sin Is Something To Be Diligently Avoided At Its Starting Points

Proverbs 14:16 ⁶ A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

When I Have a Desire To Please and Obey God

Matthew 7:24 ²⁴ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

When I Begin To Understand And Delight In The Word of God

Proverbs 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

When I Realize That My Purpose Is To Be Involved With Giving The Gospel Message To Others

Daniel 12:3 ³ And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

When It Is A Delight To Be Instructed - Those Who Provide Wise Counsel Are Respected

Proverbs 9:9 ⁹ Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

When Listening To God Is More Important Than Listening to Self or Others

Proverbs 18:15 ¹⁵ The heart of the prudent [wise] getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

When People's Weakness' Do Not Arouse Anger and Contempt In My Heart

Proverbs 11:12 ² He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

When Correction Is Viewed As a Blessing, Not Something To Be Avoided or Hated

Proverbs 17:10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

Proverbs 10:8 ⁸ The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

When I Do Not Harbor Bitterness, Resentment, or Envy In My Heart Towards Anyone

James 3:13-18 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation [behavior] his works with meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵ This

wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. ¹

When My Life Begins To Be Characterized By Gentleness and Genuine Love For Others

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

**When It Becomes Important To Me To Speak Graciously and Be Sensitive To Others-
-When I Understand It Is a Sin To Hurt Others With Careless Words**

James 1:25 ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

How Do I Keep It?

By Never Imagining I Can Do *Anything* Apart From God, & NEVER Accepting Praise For What God Has Given. We Are ALWAYS Dependent On Our God.

The "secret" of our strength and wisdom is found in our maintaining fellowship and relationship with God, just as Samson's strength was dependent on his obedience with regard to his hair.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ³ Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: ²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

John 15:5 ⁵ I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

By Not Assuming I Am Ever Exempt From Sin's Temptations, or The Chastisement of The Lord

Proverbs 3:18 ¹⁸ She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

Deuteronomy 8:11-18 ¹¹ Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: ¹² Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*; ¹³ And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; ¹⁴ Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; ¹⁶ Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; ¹⁷ And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. ¹⁸ But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

By Daily Searching Out & Pulling Weeds of Pride and Self

Proverbs 28:14 ¹⁴ Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

1 Corinthians 10:12 ¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

2 Peter 1:10 ¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: