
The Wisdom of God

Thought Conditioners

**Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7**

Wisdom is knowing the right thing to do at the right time for every situation.

The Hebrew translation for this word principal is “the chief thing, the first in importance, the most important priority.” So seeking wisdom should be a top priority that you should be looking for and pursuing in your life.

If wisdom is the principal thing and wisdom is to be desired more than silver and gold and wisdom will promote you and exalt you, then it’s a good idea to get wisdom!

Our Father says that nothing you desire can compare with His wisdom. He promises that you will live a long, successful, and prosperous life if you put your desire for His wisdom in first place ahead of everything else.

Wisdom will get you out of every financial jam that you’re in, every emotional jam that you’re in, every physical jam that you’re in, every spiritual jam that you’re in. Any problem that you are facing, wisdom is the principal thing and it will promote you out of whatever problem you’re in.

Now can you see why wisdom is the principal thing? It gets people saved, it brings financial provision and happiness. The wisdom of God will produce whatever is lacking in your life.

**Here's the main reason wisdom is first in importance:
When you have God's wisdom, you have the key to everything else.**

God’s Wisdom – A Top Priority

If we want to live the kind of life God has in mind for us, we must trade our thoughts for his thoughts. We must lay down the perspectives we've gained through past experiences and instead receive the wisdom of God. Just look at what Proverbs 4 says about the importance of that wisdom:

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you.” (Proverbs 4:7–9).

Acquiring the wisdom of God should be a top priority in our lives. Some people think prayer is the top priority. But prayer without wisdom won't get you anywhere.

How many times have you prayed and failed to receive your answer? It wasn't because God missed it! The Word of God says you ask and receive not because you ask amiss (James 4:3). You need wisdom, you need God's thoughts about the situation before you can pray effectively.

Become a Student

You gain wisdom by becoming a student. You read, you study, you listen, and you must do these things each day on a planned and organized basis. You must eat, sleep and drink the word of God – it is good for the soul! “I, wisdom, will make the hours of your day more profitable and the years of your life more fruitful.” (Proverbs 9:11)

We see in Joshua 1:8 that you will "deal wisely" if you meditate continually on God's Word. Proverbs 10:14

confirms this great spiritual truth by saying that "wise men store up knowledge."

Do you want to receive wisdom from God? If you do, you should constantly store up God's supernatural Word in your mind and your heart.

Walking In the Fear of God

Where do we start in our quest for godly wisdom? God tells us exactly where to begin: The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline (Proverbs 1:7, AMP).

Walking in the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. In fact, it's the only place there is to start! You will never be able to walk in the wisdom of God unless you reverence Him and give Him honor in your life. Without honoring God and giving Him His place of preeminence, you will continue to walk after your own desires instead of His and you'll never experience the high life of God's plan for your life.

If you choose to walk the world's way, you're going to live life under your own power. And in the end, you will come out defeated and worse off than you were before.

When temptation and pressure come, the wisdom of God will cause you to choose God's way if you truly reverence Him as God.

Walking in the wisdom of God is a way of life—a lifestyle we must choose daily. And God doesn't want us to choose His ways only in the big, important situations of life. We have to learn to allow God to prick our spirit about the little things we do that are not pleasing to Him. I call it "fine-tuning."

If we will learn to hear Him in the little things, it will be easy to hear Him in the big situations of life.

Prosperity and Long Life

Some Christians invest a great deal of time and effort in an attempt to attain worldly wealth. They place little or no emphasis on receiving wisdom and understanding from God. Just the opposite should be true.

If you receive wisdom and understanding from God, you will have everything you need.

Wisdom brings us both spiritual and earthly blessings. But we don't apply God's principles just to acquire material wealth. We apply them because He is our God and we want to honor and obey Him in every area.

Your Father says that nothing you desire can compare with His wisdom. He promises that you will live a long, successful, and prosperous life if you put your desire for His wisdom in first place ahead of everything else.

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver, and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies, nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand, in her left hand are riches and honor." (Proverbs 3:13 – 16)

Wisdom is Truth

You'll never find anything coming from God's mouth except truth. Wisdom is truth and Jesus said that knowing the truth is what makes you free (John 8:32). God has given us His wisdom in the written Word through Moses, through David, through Paul—through all the men who wrote the books of the Old and New Covenants. That divine wisdom is written down now in one Book, the Word of God, so anytime we want to we can receive the wisdom and knowledge we need for every situation.

Four Classes of People

The book of Proverbs describes four classes of people – the simple, scoffers or scorners, fools and finally, the last class of people, those that are wise. That's the class you want to be in. You don't want to stay simple. You don't want to be a scorners or a fool. You want to become wise.

That's why wisdom cries aloud, endeavoring to tell each of us the wise thing to do. And if we will just stop and listen to what wisdom (or God) is saying, God promises to make His Word known to us. We will begin to understand how to walk in goodness, peace, justice and integrity.

**Wisdom is with you wherever you go, telling you, "Do this.
Change that. Go this direction. Think this thought instead of that one."**

Don't let yourself be found among the simple, the scorners or the fools. Start at the beginning of wisdom—reverence God. Then watch your circumstances begin to change as you choose the lifestyle of the wise! The result is Proverbs 1:33 (AMP), "But whoso hearkens to me [Wisdom] shall dwell securely and in confident trust and shall be quiet, without fear or dread of evil."

This scripture agrees with James 1:5-6, which says when you want wisdom, you must ask for it in faith and not waver. Proverbs 2:2 takes that thought a step further and tells you to direct your mind and your heart toward God's wisdom. You have to go after the wisdom and knowledge of God, applying all of your powers—your concentration, your energy, your efforts—to obtaining it. It has to become a top priority in your life.

In fact, you must search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures. The way to find wisdom is to go after it with the same effort and desire that natural people go after material wealth.

God Stores Away Wisdom For Us

Of course, not everyone can find God's wisdom. Only those who are ready for it, who desire and seek after God with all their heart, and are willing to understand and receive His wisdom. That's because He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him) (Proverbs 2:7, AMP).

God is always ready to be found, and His wisdom is always available. But those who don't seek Him won't find His wisdom. The wisdom of God is hidden away, to be discovered only by those who serve Him, desire Him and give Him authority in their lives.

God isn't hiding His wisdom from us; He's hiding His wisdom for us.

Natural men just can't get hold of the wisdom of God. Now, some do discover certain elementary principles of God's wisdom that can bring a measure of success on this earth. They find out that the laws of God are the laws of success. So they write "how-to-be-a-success" books telling you to work hard, be honest and just. They tell you if you want a successful business, you need to maintain an attitude of serving others.

Many people have become millionaires by studying and applying the principles in these success books. They have used God's elementary principles to lay hold of material wealth.

But that's as far as natural man can go. If those same people aren't cleansed by the blood of Jesus and if all of God's wisdom isn't a priority in their lives, they can't lay hold of peace. They can't lay hold of divine healing. They can't lay hold of deliverance from every yoke of bondage.

But all of these blessings and more belong to us as God's children when we treasure God's words and direct our hearts and minds toward His wisdom. Not only can we have success in business and in our finances—we can have success in every area of life.

Godly wisdom is comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God.

God's ways are ways of financial provision. His ways are the ways of divine health and peace. However, these blessings can't be obtained just by the elementary laws of the universe. You must dig into the Word and lay hold of the spiritual authority that brings healing, deliverance, prosperity and peace into your life.

Look at what Jesus told His disciples: Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without [the kingdom of God], all these things are done in parables (Mark 4:11). That's why Jesus explained the parables He used to His own followers: so they could live and walk in God's way.

Yes, natural man might discover some elementary principles of God's wisdom. But God hides the depths of His wisdom for the righteous—for those who search for His knowledge and understanding as for hidden treasures. God sees to it that His wisdom cannot be misused. It is too powerful.

You see, when God's Word goes into our hearts and our minds, it allows us to think His higher thoughts. Those higher thoughts and higher ways are God's wisdom and knowledge working in us, delivering us from sickness, disease, depression and every other evil work for which the natural world has no answer. We're able to live a much higher way of life than natural people can live.

The wisdom of God will add length of days to you— and many years of a life worth living!

Walking with God and abiding in His Word cause you to live a long life. But not only will you receive length of days, those long days will also be full of the good things of God! God satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's (Psalm 103:5).

The Wisdom of Solomon

When Solomon was a young man about to become king, God asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Solomon replied, "I want wisdom. I want to know how to judge these people wisely. I don't know how to go out or come in unless the Lord tells me" (1 Kings 3:7-9). Because Solomon was humble and asked only for wisdom, God gave him not only a wise and understanding heart, but riches and honor as well.

Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (1 Kings 3:11-14)

Solomon was the wisest and wealthiest man on the face of the earth. It was by the divine inspiration of God that he gained this wisdom. The Bible says that people came from all over the world to inquire of him and search out his wisdom.

The Queen of Sheba was astounded by what she saw when she visited King Solomon's court, and she said to him, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. However, I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard." (1 Kings 10:6-7)

The value of heeding the voice of wisdom is priceless: She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. (Prov 3:15).

Attend to God's Words

Proverbs 4:20-23 is one of my favorite passages of Scripture in the entire Bible. These verses show us how to walk with God so that His Word and His wisdom are continually being made life and health to our flesh. This is God's wisdom for divine health!

“My son, pay attention to what I say, listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart, for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:20-23

The first step is to pay attention to God's words: My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings (v. 20). "To attend" means to give attention to. For example, if you were a nurse attending to a patient, you would have to give your full attention to taking care of his needs.

Well, in order to get anywhere in our walk with God, we will have to give Him our full attention. We aren't going to hear Him if our attention is focused on something else. He's a gentleman; He won't force Himself on us.

Wisdom will cry aloud, but if you don't hear her instruction, you'll suffer the consequences. And you won't hear God's wisdom if you don't give Him your attention.

So how do we attend to God's words? First, we are to incline our ear to the Word (v. 20). Then we must keep on hearing God's Word: Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart (v. 21).

You are to keep the Word coming in through your ears and your eyes so it stays in your heart. You see, you'll forget what the Word says if you don't constantly feed on it.

But as you hear the Word and keep it in front of your eyes, it becomes integrated into the very center of your being; it becomes an inseparable part of you. And as it becomes the motivator and the decision-maker of your life, you begin to walk securely and in confident trust...without fear or dread of evil (Proverbs 1:33).

Receive Continual Guidance

Know that your loving Father lives in your heart. Know that His wisdom, His knowledge, His guidance and His understanding are available to you all day long throughout every day of your life. Why would any of us ever look on the outside of ourselves for anything we need if we are absolutely certain that our loving Father lives in our hearts?

Why should we ever be perplexed by any problem? If God lives inside of us, His wisdom also lives inside of us. Because of the price that Jesus Christ paid at Calvary, the wisdom of God goes with us wherever we go throughout every day of our lives.

We have been given the ability to tap into God's wisdom, power and ability at any hour of any day throughout our lives on earth. Too many of God's children are struggling and straining and looking feverishly for answers on the outside of themselves without beginning to comprehend that everything they will ever need has already been placed inside of them.

Spiritual Maturity and the Wisdom of God

Spiritual growth is infinite. We will never learn everything there is to learn. The more we learn, the more we will realize how much more there is to learn. The depth of God's wisdom and knowledge that is available to us is beyond the limitations of our human comprehension.

Our Father knew exactly what He was doing when He told us to renew our minds in His Word daily. He knew exactly what He was doing when He told us to meditate on the holy Scriptures throughout the day and night. Our Father doesn't want us to search for His wisdom occasionally. He wants us to hunger and thirst to continually learn

everything He has made available to us.

Our Father repeatedly tells us that we will be wise if we do what He says to do and that we will be stupid and foolish if we learn what He wants us to do and then fail to obey His instructions. Jesus said, "...wisdom is vindicated (shown to be true and divine) by all her children [by their life, character, and deeds]" (Luke 7:35).

Worldly Wisdom – Absurd & Stupid

Do you look at the wisdom of the world the same way that God does? Christians who have a great need for wisdom and turn to worldly sources of wisdom make a big mistake. You must understand that the Bible says that the wisdom of the world is "foolishness." The amplification in the following passage of Scripture says that the world's wisdom is "absurdity and stupidity" from God's perspective. God looks at the thinking of worldly people who are acknowledged to be wise as being "futile." If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you do not have to turn to worldly sources for wisdom. You have the supernatural wisdom of God available to you.

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness (absurdity, stupidity) before God; for it is written [in Scripture], "[He is] The one who catches the wise and clever in their craftiness;" and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the [humanly] wise, that they are useless." (1 Corinthians 3:19–20)

Final Thoughts

Our Father hasn't saved His wisdom for us to use when we get to heaven. He has made His wisdom fully available to us while we are here on earth. I pray that you will be able to see the enormity of the precious gift of wisdom our Father has made available to us.

So make wisdom the principal thing in your life. Incline your ear to God's Word and keep it ever before your eyes. Above all else, guard your heart diligently, for out of it flow all of the divine forces of the life of God to bring you victory and make life worth living!

Wisdom will get you out of any situation that you are in which makes you literally invincible. You can't lose, you can never fail at anything in life WHEN OR IF you have the wisdom of God.