

LESSON 7

OVERCOMING CONFUSION WITH WISDOM



The HELMET of Salvation

First used as a metaphor for “salvation” in Isa. 59:17.
Paul later used it in Eph. 6:17.

“...the purpose of the spiritual helmet was not to impart salvation but to protect the believer’s _____ of it.”

(Dr. Jeremiah)

1 Thess. 5:8

“Just as a physical helmet protects a soldier’s brain, the spiritual helmet protects your _____ from the assaults of Satan’s lies, corrupt philosophies, and _____ of thought—the weapons he uses to undermine your commitment and conviction of security in Christ.” (Dr. Jeremiah)

First of all, Paul told us to “put on” Christ (as in “put on” the helmet)

Rom. 13:14

Gal. 3:27

Paul called Jesus the “_____” of God

1 Cor. 1:24

1 Cor. 1:30

Q: Was Jesus every ever *confused*?

DJ – “The _____ of God equips and prepares you for God’s purposes. It strengthens you in the certainty of your salvation so you can overcome confusion, falsehood, and uncertainty with the God-given confidence that comes through Christ alone. You can live the same kind of life of confidence that our Lord lived. There may be times when you’re uncomfortable, in pain, and even sorrowful. But with the wisdom of God – which you gain by putting on the helmet of your salvation – you can overcome _____.”

Wisdom is about PRACTICE, PERSPECTIVE, and PATIENCE.

Wisdom is about _____

What is the difference between *knowledge* and *wisdom*?

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts.

Wisdom is the ability to apply that knowledge to achieve the best outcome.

List some occupations/positions where there is a glaring difference between knowledge and wisdom:

Wisdom is about _____

Isa. 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Wisdom is about _____

We can and should walk through this life with the [end](#) in mind.

Heb. 12:1-2

Some Scriptural promises re: the attaining of wisdom:

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks *wisdom*, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Prov. 3:13 "Happy is the man who finds *wisdom*, and the man who gains understanding"

Prov. 8:11 "For *wisdom* is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her"

Prov 2:10-11 "When *wisdom* enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you"

HOW THE OVERCOMER ACQUIRES WISDOM

- A HUMBLE Spirit
- A HUNGRY Soul
- A HEARING Heart
- A HEEDING Mind

A _____ Spirit

Prov. 1:7

"The _____ of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Job 28:28

"And to man He said,
'Behold, the _____ of the Lord, that is wisdom,
And to depart from evil is understanding.'"

Pastor and scholar Sinclair Ferguson describes the fear of God as "that indefinable mixture of reverence, fear, pleasure, joy and awe which fills our hearts when we realize who God is and what He has done for us."

"A person who is wise according to God's definition knows too well his own weaknesses. He never assumes infallibility. He who knows most knows how little he knows. That's what it means to have a humble spirit, which is the _____ step in opening oneself to God's gift of wisdom." (Dr. Jeremiah)

A _____ Soul

Wisdom must be _____ , as a starving man seeks for food.

"In his book A Thirst for God, Sherwood Wirt explains that physical and spiritual hunger are fundamentally different. When we're physically hungry, we eat and are satisfied. The hunger disappears. But when we're spiritually hungry, we eat and find ourselves even hungrier. We discover that our appetite for God and His Word is _____. That's why disciplined, consistent study of God's Word and regular participation in a Bible-teaching ministry are critical for the growth of our

spiritual lives as Christians. But notice this: When we're physically hungry and miss a meal, we soon feel like we're starving, and we can't wait to eat. In the spiritual realm, it's just the opposite. When we miss our spiritual meals, we begin to _____ our appetites. We are in serious danger when we fail to demonstrate a soul that is hungry for God and His wisdom." (Dr. Jeremiah)

We are to seek after and desire God with our " _____ heart."
Psalm 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145

A _____ Heart

God has placed wisdom all around us – we must learn to _____ !

Prov. 1:5-6 "A wise man will _____ and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles"

Prov. 19:20 " _____ to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days"

Proverbs 22:17-18 "Incline your ear and _____ the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge; for it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; let them all be fixed upon your lips"

1 Kings 3:9a (King Solomon)

"A wise man talks because he has _____ to say. Fools talk because they have to _____ something." -Anonymous

A _____ Mind

A humble spirit says, "I _____ God."

A hungry soul says, "I _____ God."

A hearing heart says, "I will _____ to God."

And finally, a heeding mind says, "I will _____ God."

"We're not wise because we *have* God's Word. We're not wise because we *desire* God's Word. We're not even wise because we *read* God's Word. We're wise only when we keep and _____ God's Word."

Deut. 4:5-6 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should _____ according to them in the land which you go to possess. Therefore be careful to _____ them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'"

James 1:22 "But be _____ of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

BE FILLED WITH GOD'S WISDOM

Col. 1:9 "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be _____ with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"

"Wisdom guides us in overcoming the confusing events of our lives - _____ of them. It is _____ with skill on what is known and _____ God with what is unknown. When we put on the helmet of salvation, we move forward steadily in the light of His wisdom, and we live as Overcomers." (Dr. Jeremiah)



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