

Spiritual Wisdom

Daniel 2:21 (AMP)

"It is He who changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings. He gives wisdom to the wise And [greater] knowledge to those who have understanding!"

What is Spiritual Wisdom?

From a quick Google search...

the ability to make sound judgments and decisions based on spiritual understanding rather than solely on worldly knowledge or experience

In other words, spiritual wisdom is used for **direction**, **discernment**, and **judgement**; it's the **PRINCIPAL** thing and a divine gift from God.

1. Direction: Knowing God's Will for Your Life

- ❖ Believers find **guidance** & **purpose** through spiritual wisdom
- It allows God to lead us in the right path & through challenging situations without relying on our OWN strength (Proverbs 3:5 NKJV "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding.")
 - Ex: Career Choices, Education Paths, Relationships
- We're not in this journey alone, allow the Holy Spirit to be your ultimate director (Psalms 32:8 AMP - "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you [who are willing to learn] with My eye upon you.")

2. Discernment: Telling What is of God and What Isn't

- Definition: 1. The ability to judge well; 2. Perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding
- It sharpens ability to identify between RIGHT and WRONG; what SEEMS good versus GOD'S WILL
- Spiritual Wisdom + Discernment Helps You:
 - Spot what's fake: 1 Corinthians. 2:14 NLT
 - Understand deeper struggles
 - Make better choices: 1 John 4:1

3. Judgement: Making Wise and Godly Decisions

- Enables fair, merciful, and Godly choices; wisdom allows you to make judgments that reflect God's mercy and grace towards us
- It must come from a place of self-awareness and love, not condemnation:
 John 7:24 AMP "Do not judge by appearance [superficially and arrogantly], but judge fairly and righteously.")
- Unlike worldly judgment that can be biased or selfish, spiritual wisdom emphasizes humility, grace, and truth
- In order to make Godly judgements, you MUst desire it: 1 Kings 3:9 AMP
- John 8: 1-11; 4-6 (The Adulterous Woman)

Biblical Examples of Spiritual Wisdom

- 1. <u>Daniel</u>- Wisdom when interpreting dreams & making decisions
- Joseph- Had divine revelations from God, and used this to help save a nation (Genesis 41)
- 3. Paul- encouraged churches to be guided by wisdom from the Holy Spirit throughout his letters, and used wisdom to discern spirits that were not Godly (Acts 16:16-18)
- 4. Jesus Grew in wisdom from a young age, demonstrating that in the temple with other teachers and leaders (Luke 2:52)