



*A Man & His Wisdom*  
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## **REAL MOMENTUM**

Ask) How many of us 'stand in need' of God's SUPERNATURAL WISDOM?

NOTE; Wisdom, unless I specify means God's Supernatural Wisdom.

Def; The process of discernment in which choices are weighed and alternatives judged. For the Godly person, choices are always made in keeping with God's purposes and desires, leading to APPLICATION.

Wisdom is only knowledge without application.

Apart from our salvation, God's supernatural wisdom is the single greatest asset and greatest need we have.

Value of Godly Wisdom; Prov. 3:19-26(read)

Godly wisdom is a CHOICE, not by accident or simply by our being a believer. It does not come with a casual curiosity. It must be the #1 cry of our heart! Prov. 2:1-7 (read)

When Godly wisdom becomes the passion of our heart, it will then dictate our priorities. Solomon, wisest man ever, made a choice to have Godly wisdom to lead the people over everything else. It dictated his priorities.

Without Godly wisdom, we can never experience the life God intended for us in John 10:10b.

God never intended for us to rely/trust our own wisdom/understanding. Prov. 3:5-6

There are 2 sources of wisdom;

- 1) The world's wisdom; (natural wisdom) 1 Cor. 3:19; "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."
- 2) Godly wisdom; Proverbs 5:1; My son, attend unto MY wisdom, and bow thine ear to MY understanding.

WE ARE EXPOSED TO BOTH, the world by default, and Godly wisdom by CHOICE. How do you tell the difference? James 3:13-17 (read) The test you must apply.

God desires we have HIS 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." God's provision/availability of HIS wisdom is NOT the problem. There are 2 things we, as believers, will never run out of; 1) His supply  
2) Our need.

CAUTION'S;

- 1) DO NOT TAKE THE SUBJECT OF WISDOM FLIPPANTLY. James 1:5-6 We must realize that we NEED Godly wisdom. What believer would not want Godly wisdom????  
But, in verse 6, we find it is conditional; "In faith, NOT doubting"
- 2) Recognize the true nature of our enemy; not playing games, serious, evil and determined to destroy us. John 10:10a. Perfect exa; The temptation of Jesus; satan via worlds wisdom vs Jesus via IT IS WRITTEN.
- 3) Men cannot WIN using natural wisdom to defeat a spiritual enemy. Eph. 6:12; "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

If we are not, by CHOICE, following the Wisdom of God, then we are, by default following the wisdom of the world, often caused 'human reason' or rationalization. To the world, Godly wisdom DOES NOT make sense.

#### WHAT PREVENTS US FROM SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM?

- 1) We like to think that we are capable of handling most issues on our own, or our 24/7 issues are not important or significant enough to need Godly wisdom apart from a real crisis. i.e.' Arrogance in our own wisdom. Prov. 23:4 "Labor not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom."  
i.e.' MALE PRIDE
- 2) We see it as an option/suggestion, not a command. The option is to obey or disobey. Proverbs 4:7; "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding."
- 3) We are much too willing to accept a substitute. Eccl 7:12; "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

#### WHY IS GODLY WISDOM SO IMPORTANT, WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- 1) The God-appt roles we play, head of the wife/house/children, a person of influence (leader) in home, church, business, etc.

Some of these decisions made as result of Godly wisdom are not easy, or popular and often not accompanied by applause.

STORY: Young preacher/wife/one son. Entered min. as evangelist. Very popular, great demand, 4 yrs in advance. Family plan; 2 wks on, 2 wks off. Yrs went by. As young boy grew into a teen. At 16, became somewhat rebellious & refused to obey his mom. She finally called his dad & simply said "I need you home." Little did they know at the time, the son was listening outside the door. He cancelled remainder of engagement and flew home. Within 2 weeks, sign outside house, moved to adjoining state, accepted pastor of small church until son went off to college. Decided it was time to go back into evangelism. But, no one knew him any longer. Lost his ministry in evangelism. When son graduated from college, decided to enter seminary. Decided to go into some form of ministry. Started a little ministry called "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY." Dr. James Dobson Jr.

The dad had made the decision that it was more important to grow a son into a man than to grow a ministry.

There are some BIBLICAL ABSOLUTES concerning God's Wisdom for which untold numbers of martyrs have died rather than sacrifice those absolutes. Example; 3 Hebrew boys

BIBLICAL ABSOLUTES concerning God's wisdom;

- 1) We cannot enjoy the wisdom of God apart from the WORD of God and obedience to that word. For the wisdom of God will NEVER violate the Word of God. The wisdom of God and the obedience to God are inseparable.
- 2) Wisdom flows from the power of prayer. James 1:5 (ask)
- 3) We cannot experience His wisdom apart from our trusting the Lord with ALL our heart (Prov. 3:5-6)
- 4) There is a direct relationship between God's wisdom and a righteous walk. Prov. 2:6-7 (read)
- 5) (surprise) The bible does not speak of wisdom by degrees. It says we are either wise or foolish.

Godly wisdom is always associated with certain GODLY 'partners.'

- 1) Born again. 1 Cor 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- 2) HUMILITY. Prov. 11:2 "When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom."
- 3) With one who GUARDS his lips. Prov. 10:19 "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise."
- 4) The exercise of our FAITH; "without faith it is impossible"
- 5) Wins souls, Prov. 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."
- 6) Willing to heed wise counsel. Prov. 12:15 "The way of the fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

SO, if Godly wisdom is so important, where do I go to start?

- 1) The FEAR (a passion/respect which comes from a love so deep you desire to please Him above everything and everyone else) of Lord is the beginning of WISDOM Prov. 9:10
- 2) Ask for it DAILY (Challenge) James 1:5 "If any man lacks, etc"
- 3) Associate with people of Godly wisdom and avoid those who do not. Prov. 13:20; "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."
- 4) Stay in the word. NO SUBSTITUTE. Numerous times in the books of Ezekiel & Jeremiah, verses that begin with "The word Of the Lord came unto me saying, etc."
- 5) Devote yourself to prayer. Jere. 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest now." Ezek/Jere; "The word of the Lord came unto me saying, etc"
- 6) Guard your mind!! Phil. 4:8 "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, if there be any virtue/praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS. Exa; T V (Naked in jungle, Dating Naked, Keeping up with the Kardashians, movies, books. As God-ordained leader, be aware of not only what to prevent, but what to PROMOTE.

## WHAT GODLY WISDOM DOES NOT DO.

- 1) Guarantees we will understand all God does. Prov. 3:5-6
- 2) Does not give us b/white answers or the answers we desire, sometimes no answers at all, but principles by which to live 24/7.
- 3) Does not protect us from trials/persecutions/suffering and even loss in this life. REMEMBER; The suffering of the CROSS and it was part of the PERFECT WILL of God.
- 4) Does not prevent predictable consequences when we violate those principles that govern that wisdom. Exa; Man built his house on sand.

My responsibility with the Godly wisdom available;

- 1) Pursue it (Prov. 3:13) "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."
- 2) Preserve it (Prov. 4:5-6) "Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee; love her and she shall keep thee."
- 3) Provide it (Col. 4:5) "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."
- 4) Pass it on (Deut. 6:6-7) "And these words, which I commnd thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto they children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."