

The Wisdom of God's Word

1 Corinthians 14:36-40

I. Intro

● Anecdote

- Box
 - When it comes to the topic of God's word - there are Christians who are guilty of diminishing the Holy Bible...
 - ...and they do this by insisting that - we shouldn't put God in a box.
 - This is the response that hyper-charismatic Christians give - whenever we challenge their experience - with the wisdom of God's word.
 - This reminds me of the time I challenged a brother in Christ - after he presented a prophecy - that failed to line up with the Bible.
 - After I showed him the Biblical basis for the correction that I was presenting...
 - ...he responded by insisting that I was trying to put God in a Box.
- Illiterate
 - What this person was failing to realize is that - God is the One Who decided to reveal His wisdom - within the pages of His holy word...
 - ...so that Christians can comprehend Who He is - and What He does.
 - Sadly - the church is filled with Christians - who are Biblically illiterate - - and as a result - they are ignorant about the wisdom of God.
 - Albert Mohler described it best in his article titled: The Scandal of Biblical Illiteracy: It's Our Problem.

- In this article - Mohler writes - and I quote...
Choose whichever statistic or survey you like, the general pattern is the same. America's Christians know less and less about the Bible. It shows.

II. Outline

● Points

- Wisdom
 - Knowing that Biblical illiteracy will keep a Christian from receiving the wisdom of God...
 - ...we will all do well to study God's word - so that we might walk in the wisdom of the Lord.
 - And as we study the scriptures before us today - we'll begin to see that...
 1. ...the Wisdom of God's Word has been Revealed
 2. ...the Wisdom of God's Word was Recorded
 3. ...the Wisdom of God's Word is Reliable
 - With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 14...
 - ...where we find Paul - directing our attention to the Wisdom of God's Word.

III. Revealed

● Set up

- Context
 - As we make our way to the 14th chapter of 1st Corinthians - I should take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.

- It was in the previous section of this chapter - where Paul challenged those who were causing a commotion at the church in Corinth.
- And as we saw in our study last week - this included those who were misusing - or - abusing spiritual gifts...
- ...like the gift of tongues - - and the gift of prophecy.
- And after encouraging every Christian - to judge those who were causing a commotion...
- ...we find Paul - advancing his point - by encouraging them to make every judgment - according to the wisdom of God's word.
- With this as our focus - let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians 14 beginning there at verse 36 - where Paul asked...

● Text

1Co 14:36 ...did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

1Co 14:38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1Co 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

- Originate
- Here in the final verses of this chapter - we find Paul - presenting the Christians in Corinth with a couple of questions about the word of God.
- He began by asking - did the word of God come originally from you?
- In other words - Paul was asking the Christians in Corinth if they actually believed that the word of God originated with them.

- And while the answer to this rhetorical question was - obviously NO...
 - ...there were those who were filled with pride - as they used their spiritual gift - to exalt themselves.
 - And it's for this reason that Paul encouraged them to realize that the word of God did not originate with them.
- Spoken Word
 - For the sake of clarity - I should take a moment to point out that - the word - WORD - found there in verse 36...
 - ...it was translated from the Greek word - LOGOS - which is rich with meaning.
 - For example - the Greek word - LOGOS - was used in reference to the spoken word - uttered by a living voice.
 - This of course includes the prophetic promises that the Lord revealed through the Old Testament prophets...
 - And so - when Paul referred to the word of God - he may've been thinking about the spoken word...
 - ...which was publicly proclaimed by the prophets of God.
- Question
 - If so - then - this was his way of helping those with the gift of prophecy to realize that - the word of God didn't originate with them.
 - No - instead - the word of God had been proclaimed by the Old Testament prophets...
 - ...since the day when the Lord spoke through the prophet Enoch.
 - The Old Testament prophets include more than 40 men - who were empowered to proclaim the prophetic word of God.

- And why this means is that the Lord was revealing the wisdom of His LOGOS...
- ...as He empowered the prophets to proclaim His holy word.

- Reached?

- With all of this in mind - let's consider the questions that Paul presented - there in verse 36 - where He asked...

1Co 14:36 ...did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

- As we take another look at this verse - we should take a moment to consider what Paul meant...
 - ...when he asked the Christians in Corinth - if they were the only ones who had been reached with the word of God.
 - That word - reached - found there at the end of verse 36 - was translated from a Greek word...
 - ...which was used of those who become partakers of something.
 - And in this context - Paul was asking his audience if they alone were the partakers of God's word.

- Logos

- In order to prove my point - it'll help you to understand that - the Greek word LOGOS...
 - ...it not only refers to the spoken word that reveals the wisdom of God...
 - ...but - the same Greek word was also used in reference to the divine mind of God.

- As a matter of fact - the first-known use of this Greek word - was used in reference to the fundamental law of the cosmos.
- It was in the 5th century BC - when Heraclitus spoke about a single divine law which he called the “logos”.
- He also believed in a logos that resides within our souls - as an independently existing truth found in every human.
- And it seems to me that he was using this word - to describe the divine law that God has written upon every heart.
- Hearts
- Let's consider how Paul put it in Romans chapter 2 - it's beginning at verse 14 - where he declared...

Rom 2:14 ...when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them...

- From this - we can see that the law of the Lord has been written on the hearts of every person.
- And while some believe that we are all born - like a blank slate - I can assure you that...
- ...the Lord has placed the Logos of His law - on the hearts of every person.
- And the proof of my point can be found in the fact that our conscience bears witness of this innate information...
- ...every time we feel guilty for breaking the law of the Lord.
- Suppress

- Further proof of my point can be found in Romans chapter 1 - it's beginning at verse 18 - where Paul informs us that...

Rom 1:18 ...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

- What may be known of God has been manifest within every single person.
 - And yeah - this includes the proverbial person who lives alone on the deserted island.
 - God has placed the logos of His divine law - in the hearts of every person.
 - And it's for this reason that Paul described every unbeliever as those who are suppressing the truth in unrighteousness.
 - In other words - they are working hard - to subdue the truth of God's word - that has been written upon their hearts.
- Logic
 - Not only that - but - they're also suppressing the LOGOS of logic.
 - You might not know this - but - the Greek word - LOGOS - is the basis for our English word - Logic.
 - In this sense - LOGOS - refers to the mental faculty of thinking, meditating, calculating and reasoning.
 - And while it's true that the Lord has written the Logos of His divine law upon the heart of every person...
 - ...it's also true that the Lord placed the laws of logic into the minds of every person.

- In this way - He has revealed the wisdom of His Logos - to every person...
- ...so that a proper use of reason will help every sinner to understand our need for salvation.
- Reason
- Let's consider how the Lord explained it - in Isaiah chapter 1 - it's verse 18 where He declared...

Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together,"
 Says the LORD,
 "Though your sins are like scarlet,
 They shall be as white as snow;
 Though they are red like crimson,
 They shall be as wool.

- According to the Lord - a proper use of reason will help us to realize that we have been soiled by the stain of our sin.
- It's for this reason that He provides every person with the Logos of Logic.
- And in this way - we've all become partakers of the wisdom we need - to repent - and receive the free gift of grace...
- ...by which the stain of our sins are cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.
- What this means is that - the Logos of the Law - and the Logos of logic will lead us to the incarnate logos of the Lord.
- Infinite
- Let's consider how the apostle John put it - in the first chapter of his gospel account - it's John chapter 1 - beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

Jhn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jhn 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

- Here in these verses - we find the apostle John - pointing back to the beginning of time...
 - ...when the LOGOS of the Lord was WITH God - and WAS God.
 - And while it's true that the Logos of the Law was written upon our hearts - and the Logos of logic has been placed in our minds...
 - ...the infinite Logos of the Lord was there in the beginning - when God created the Universe.
 - Not only that - but - the infinite Logos of the Lord also revealed Himself - when He clothed Himself with humanity.
 - Incarnate
 - Let's consider how the apostle John put it - in John chapter 1 - it's verse 14 where he declared...
- Jhn 1:14 ...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Here again - we find John - using the Greek word - LOGOS - as he referred to the day when...
 - ...when the infinite LOGOS of the Lord clothed Himself with humanity.
 - In this way - the divine mind of God revealed Himself - through the physical incarnation of His only begotten Son.
 - And it was during the days when the Logos tabernacled among us...
 - ...when the Lord Jesus presented the spoken logos of God's word - to those who were willing to listen.

● Application

- Revealed
- This includes the Sermon on the Mount - during which the Lord Jesus presented the beatitudes.
- He also presented the Olivet Discourse - from the Mount of Olives - when He prophetically pointed to His second coming.
- There was the upper room discourse - during which Jesus revealed the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- And the Lord Jesus also presented a long list of Parables - including the Parable of The Mustard Seed - and the Ten Talents.
- There's the parable of the Budding Fig Tree - and the parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Jesus presented more than 20 parables - which revealed the wisdom of God's word - to those who were listening.
- And in all of these ways - the wisdom of God's word has been revealed to every person.

● Transition

- Points
- This brings us to our second point - because - listen...
 1. ...the Wisdom of God's Word has not only been Revealed to everyone...
 2. ...but the Wisdom of God's Word was also Recorded in the Bible.
- With this as our focus - let's consider how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 14.

- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 36 - where Paul asked...

IV. Recorded

● Text

1Co 14:36 ...did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

• Write

- As we take another look at these verses - we must not fail to notice how Paul assured the Christians in Corinth...
- ...that the commandments he wrote in this epistle - were in fact the word of God.
- And just to be clear - the word - write - found there in the middle of verse 37...
- ...was translated from the Greek word - graphō - which was used in reference to those...
- ...who form letters on a tablet, parchment, paper, or other material.
- And in this context - Paul was referring to the written record of commandments that we find in his epistles.

• Commandments

- Now - that word - commandments - was translated from a Greek word - which was often times used in reference to Mosaic law.
- The 10 Commandments - which is also called - the Decalogue - was recorded by Moses...

- ...on the day when he received the word of God - on Mount Sinai.
- And it's in the 20th chapter of Exodus - where we find this written record of the 10 commandments...
- ...which was initially written by the finger of God - on tablets of stone.
- It's also interesting to note that the Lord Jesus summed up the Decalogue with the command to love.
- Summary
- It's in Matthew chapter 22 - beginning at verse 35 - where we learn that...

Mat 22:35 ...a lawyer asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,
 Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
 Mat 22:37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
 Mat 22:38 "This is the first and great commandment.
 Mat 22:39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
 Mat 22:40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
- According to Jesus - the Decalogue can be summed up with the word - love.
- The first four commands are accomplished by those who love the LORD our God with all our heart - our soul - and our mind.
- The final six commands are accomplished by those who love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves.
- And what this means is that - those who are walking in the love of the Lord...
 - ...will live a life that's in line with the word of God - which was recorded in the law - and the prophets.

- Word
 - And listen - the word of God was not only recorded by Moses - and the Old Testament prophets...
 - ...but - the word of God was also recorded by those who wrote the 27 books that we find in the New Testament.
 - This includes the historical books - better known as the gospels of Matthew - Mark - Luke and John - - as well as the book of Acts.
 - This also includes the 21 epistles that provide us with the dispensation of information...
 - ...that help us to understand church age theology - and praxeology.
 - And within these 21 epistles - we find the epistles of Paul - that include the commands for the Christian church.
- Commandments
 - Let's consider how Paul put it here in 1st Corinthians 14 - look with me again - beginning there at verse 37 - where he declared...

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.
 - Now - when Paul informs us that the things that he was writing are the commandments of the Lord...
 - ...he was effectively placing his epistles on the same level as the 10 commandments.
 - And in the context of the New Testament epistles - the word - commandments - was used in reference to...
 - ...the whole body of the moral precepts that the Lord has given - to those who trust in Jesus Christ.

- What this means is that - the Lord used Paul - to present us with His holy word.

- BBE

- It's for this reason that the scholars who created the Bible in Basic English rendered verse 37 like this...

1Co 14:37 If any man seems to himself to be a prophet or to have the Spirit, let him take note of the things which I am writing to you, as being the word of the Lord.

- When Paul wrote the commandments of Christ Jesus - he was recording the word of the Lord.
- And as we study the epistles of Paul - we are actually studying the LOGOS of the Lord.
- And as we consider this claim - you might be interested to know that - the apostle Peter confirmed this - in his second epistle.
- With this as our focus - hold your place here in 2nd Peter chapter 3 - because - it's here in the third chapter of Peter's second epistle...
- ...I wanna take a moment to consider Peter's qualification - for confirming the divine inspiration of Paul's epistles.
- Peter
- I should first remind you that - the Lord Jesus appointed Peter - to the position of Apostle.
- And while it's true that Peter was one of the 12 apostles - - he was also one of the three men - who were appointed to the inner circle.
- What this means is that Peter - along with James and John - occupied the highest level of leadership - in the Lord's earthly ministry.

- Now - this is not to suggest that the apostle Peter was perfect - as a matter of fact...
- ...it was on the night of our Savior's arrest - when Peter denied the Lord Jesus - three times.
- But then - after Jesus rose up from the grave - He commanded Peter to tend - and to feed His sheep.
- And with all of this in mind - we can be certain that Peter was presenting an authoritative perspective of Paul's epistles.
- Confirmation
- Let's consider the perspective he presented - here in 2nd Peter chapter 3 - look with me beginning there at verse 15 - where he declared...

2Pe 3:15 ...consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

2Pe 3:16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

- Here in these verses - we find the apostle Peter - comparing the epistles of Paul - with the rest of scripture.
- That word - scriptures - was translated from the root - of the Greek word - Grapho.
- What this means is that - the written record that Paul presented in his epistles...
- ...are equivalent to the written record that we find in the 39 books of the Old Testament scriptures.
- And it's for this reason that we should study the epistles of Paul - so that we can receive the wisdom of God's word.

● Application

• ALL

- The apostle Peter also assured us that the wisdom of God's word can also be found in his epistles.
- It's in 2nd Peter chapter 1 - beginning at verse 16 - where he declared...

2Pe 1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

2Pe 1:17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

2Pe 1:18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2Pe 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

2Pe 1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

2Pe 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

- According to the apostle Peter - the Holy Spirit is the One Who moved the men - who created the written record that we find in the scriptures.
 - And while it's true that these words were presented by those who were moved by the Holy Spirit...
 - ...it's also true that these men recorded the scriptures - so that we can use the wisdom of God's word - like a light that shines in a dark place.
 - It's for this reason that Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to test everything - according to the wisdom of God's word.
- Test

- Let's consider how Paul put it here in 1st Corinthians 14 - look with me again - beginning there at verse 37 - where he declared...

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

- Those who think they have the gift of prophecy - should make sure that their words are in line with the wisdom of God.
- And those who think that they are filled with the Spirit - should make sure that their life is in line with the wisdom of God.
- And listen - the best way for us to test all things - is to spend time studying the scriptures...
 - ...because - the scriptures provide us with the written record of God's word...
 - ...in which we find the wisdom that helps us to live our life for the Lord.

● Transition

• Points

- This brings us to our third and final point - because - listen...
 1. ...the Wisdom of God's Word has not only been Revealed...
 2. ...and the Wisdom of God's Word was not only Recorded...
 3. ...but the Wisdom of God's Word is also Reliable.
- In order to explain my point - let's consider how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 14.

- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 38 - where Paul asked...

V. Reliable

● Text

1Co 14:38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1Co 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

• Ignorant

- Here in the final verses of this chapter - we find Paul - helping his audience to understand that...
- ...those who fail to embrace his epistles as the written word of God - - will continue to be ignorant of God's wisdom.
- Just to be clear - that word - ignorant - found there in verse 38 - was translated from a Greek word...
- ...which was used of those who lack information or intelligence.
- The same word was also used of those who ignore something through objection.
- And in this context - Paul was referring to those who are ignorant of God's wisdom...
- ...because - they ignore the instructions that we find in the New Testament.
- Stats
- Sadly - the 21st century church is filled with people who fit this description.
- Rather than spending time studying the word of God with the goal of walking in the wisdom of God...

- ...more and more churchgoers are ignoring the word of God - and the reason why is because - they don't believe that it is the word of God.
- According to a Gallup poll from 2022 — only 58% of Christians agree that the Bible is the inspired word of God.
- And while 25% believe that the Bible should be interpreted literally...
 - ...16% of those who claim to be Christian insist that the Bible is an ancient book of fables.
- Preach
 - With all of this in mind - we should consider the warning that Paul presented in 2nd Timothy 4 - it's beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

2Ti 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

2Ti 4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

- Paul was encouraging pastor Timothy to preach the Logos of the Lord.
- And as we consider the context - we can be certain that he was using the word - LOGOS - in reference to the written record of God's word.
- Proof of my point can be found in the final verses of 2nd Timothy 3 - where Paul assured Timothy that...
 - ...ALL Scripture - All Graphē - is given by inspiration of God...
 - ...and is therefore profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

- Preach
 - When Paul commanded pastor Timothy to preach the word - he was directing him to present the people in his church...
 - ...with the sound doctrine that we find - in our sacred scriptures.
 - And what this means is that - the Holy Bible provides the pastor with the wisdom we need...
 - ...to convince, rebuke, exhort - with all longsuffering and teaching.
 - Sadly - many Christians don't want to hear the wisdom of God's word.
 - And it's for this reason that so many seek out churches - where the pastor has no problem - watering it down.
- Stats
 - In this way - the prophecy that Paul presented has come to pass - as Christians look for teachers who will tickle their itching ears.
 - And knowing that the 21st century church is filled with churchgoers who cannot endure sound doctrine...
 - ...more and more pastors are spending their time in the pulpit - entertaining their congregation - with fictional fables.
 - What's even worse is that - many pastors here in the US really don't believe that the Bible is the infallible word of God.
 - According to the most recent research from George Barna - 37% of pastors here in America actually possesses a biblical worldview.
 - What this means is that - more than 60% of the pastors here in the US don't believe the Bible is the infallible word of God.
- Reliable

- As a result - the issue of Biblical illiteracy is a problem that continues to affect the 21st century church here in the US.
 - And just as Paul warned - - those who choose to be ignorant of God's word - - will continue to be ignorant of God's wisdom.
 - In other words - those who choose to ignore the clear instructions of God's word...
 - ...will continue to be ignorant of God's will for their lives.
 - And it's for this reason that Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth...
 - ...to align their lives to the Biblical instructions that help us to do all things decently and in order.
 - Reiterate
 - Notice with me again - - beginning there at verse 39 - where Paul declared...
- 1Co 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.
- 1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.
- Here in these verses - we find Paul - reminding them of the instructions that he presented - back in the beginning of this chapter.
 - I'll remind you - it was back in the first verse of this chapter - where Paul declared: "desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy"
 - And now - here in the final verses of this chapter - we find Paul encouraging them again to earnestly desire the ability to prophesy.
 - More simply put - he was encouraging them to receive the spiritual ability to understand the word of God...

- ...so that they could encourage one another - with the wisdom of God's word.
- Tongues
 - Not only that - but - he also encouraged those who were opposed to the gift of tongues - to allow this gift to be exercised.
 - At the same time - we must not forget that it was in this same chapter - where Paul presented the instructions...
 - ...for how the charismatic gift of tongues should be exercised in the context of the church.
 - And while it's true that Paul gave them the greenlight - to speak in tongues...
 - ...he also encouraged them to avoid the confusion - caused by the commotion of multiple people speaking in tongues at the same time.
 - It's for this reason that there should be three people at the most - in order - and there should be one to interpret the tongues.
- Decent/Order
 - Let's consider how Paul summed it up - there in verse 40 - it's there where he declared...

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.
 - Now - that word - decently - was translated from a Greek word - which speaks of that which is respectable - and honorable.
 - And that word - order - found there at the end of verse 40 - was translated from a Greek word...
 - ...which speaks that which is organized correctly - and set in it's proper place - or position.

- With all of this in mind - Paul was commanding the Christians in Corinth...
- ...to do ALL THINGS - in a way that is respectable - honorable - and in an organized fashion.
- Standard?
- With this as the goal - we should take a moment to ask - according to what standard?
- In order to do ALL THINGS - in a way that is respectable - honorable - and in an organized fashion...
- ...we must first identify an objective standard - that helps us to make a distinction between right - and wrong.
- The reason why is because - - we might all have different ideas and opinions - about what is decent - and what is orderly.
- And knowing that we probably all have different opinions about these things...
- ...there should be no doubt that Paul was pointing to the word of God - as the reliable standard - for defining these things.

● Application

- Reliable
- Let's consider how he put it - in 2nd Timothy chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 14 - where he declared...

2Ti 3:14 ...you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- In order to do all things - decently - and in order - we must first be equipped for every good work.
- And in order for us to be equipped for every good work - we must receive the instructions that are found in God's word.
- Rather than leaning on our own understanding - and instead of walking according to our own opinions...
 - ...we should search the scriptures - so that we might receive the instructions that provide us with the wisdom of God.
 - And then - we can do all things decently - and in order - according to the reliable word of God.

VI. Conclusion

● Wrap up

• Points

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this study - it's crucial for every Christian to realize that...
- ...the word of God provides us with the wisdom we need - so that we can live a life that's pleasing to the Lord.
- That being the case - we can rejoice in knowing that...

1. ...the Wisdom of God's Word has been Revealed...

- ...through the Logos of the Law - the Logos of Logic - and the infinite Logos who clothed Himself with Humanity.

2. ...the Wisdom of God's Word was also Recorded by those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit - to write the word of God.
 - And what this means is that - the wisdom of God's word is available to us - in the pages of the Holy Bible.
3. What this also means is that - the Wisdom of God's Word is a Reliable standard helps us to know God's will.
 - And in this way - those who study the scriptures will know how to do all things decently - and in order.
 - With that being the case - it's my prayer that we will all help solve the problem of Biblical illiteracy...
 - ...by spending more time - studying the scriptures - that so that we can embrace - and apply the wisdom of God's word.