

TODAY'S TOPIC:

REVELATORY

WISDOM!

****WISDOM****

'AX-SHARPENING' SUCCESS

TODAY'S KEY VERSE:

1 Cor 2.6 - **6** However, we speak **wisdom** among those who are mature, yet **not** the **wisdom** of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

TWO 'KINDS' OF WISDOM!

God's wisdom... that Paul preached...

and the wisdom of this age!!

NATURAL WISDOM: Mechanical and hollow

GOD'S WISDOM: Living and 'Life-giving'

GOD'S WISDOM ALSO HAS 2 KINDS

Universal revelation –

AND –

Special revelation

Pro 14.12 - **12** There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

Jer 10.23 - Living Bible - O Lord, I know it is not within the power of man to map his life and plan his course

Ja 3.13-17 - **13** **WHO IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU...** **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic... **17** But the wisdom that is **FROM ABOVE** is...

Ja 4.13 - **13** Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

FIVE YEAR PLAN?

MISSION STATEMENT?

"THOSE WHO FAIL TO PLAN... PLAN TO FAIL!"

NATURAL WISDOM:

HOW TO BAKE A CAKE.

HOW TO WORK ON A MOTOR.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A BUSINESS...

BUT THESE WISDOMS...

ARE MECHANICAL...HOLLOW...

WITHOUT LIFE!

A SECOND WISDOM

IS NEEDED FOR LIFE!

A WISDOM 'FROM ABOVE!!

AND THIS WISDOM DOESN'T COME

THROUGH THE EARS...

OR THROUGH THE EYES.

AND IT DOESN'T ORIGINATE

IN THE HUMAN HEART!

NO!

THIS WISDOM HAS

ONLY ONE ENTRY POINT...

ONLY ONE GATEWAY...

ONE PORTAL:

OUR REVELATORY,

DIRECT, PERSONAL

COMMUNICATION

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

R-E-V-E-L-A-T-I-O-N!!

A living, daily, moment-by-moment

REVELATORY FLOW

From the Holy Spirit...

Is the only outlet of heavenly wisdom

Where we can

FIND OUR WAY INTO A LIFE-FILLED... LIFE-STYLE!

*****NOT THE SHARPEST TACK!!*****

1 Cor 2.7 - **7** But we speak the wisdom of God **IN A MYSTERY,**

God's wisdom **'in a mystery'**

This wisdom is secret... and only for the initiated.

Not unknowable...

but only known...

THROUGH REVELATION.

'REVELATION'

Is the security 'password'

given only to those who are

THE INVITED.

ALL HUMANITY

HAS A GENERAL REVELATION OF GOD

AND HIS ATTRIBUTES.

Romans 1.18-21 - **18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are **CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, EVEN HIS ETERNAL POWER AND GODHEAD,** so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

2 Thess 2.10-11 - **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** and for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie...

There is knowledge out there that is clearly understood...

So that man will be without excuse...

and there will be a universal vindication of God

in judging man.

They **SUPPRESS** the truth...

in unrighteousness!

To put down by force.

To stop or prohibit revelation.

To restrain public knowledge!

God will say!

"YOU KNEW!"

But because you didn't receive a

love for the truth...

you were given over...and allowed...

to believe a lie!"

Jn 8.43-44 - **43 WHY DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND MY SPEECH?** Because you are not able to ***listen*** to My word.
44 You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE SPEAKS A LIE, HE SPEAKS FROM HIS OWN RESOURCES,** for he is a liar and the father of it.

BUT...

there's also an

EXCLUSIVE WISDOM...

Reserved specially

for friends

and invited guests only:

1 Cor 2.7 - **7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages **for our glory,**

It's a hidden wisdom.

Only for the initiated! The invited!

WHO'S THE INITIATED?

THOSE WHO MAKE JESUS,

HIMSELF...

THEIR GOAL IN LIFE...

AND NOT WISDOM!

****GREEKS SEARCH****

****CHRIST... THE WISDOM OF GOD!****

****PROVERB'S 'SEARCH FOR WISDOM'!****

People who are seeking
to increase their relationship with Christ...

NOT FOR THE

'MINISTRY SAKE'

[ANYTHING

Other than CHRIST, HIMSELF...

Even the BEST of things!]

BUT FOR JESUS' OWN SAKE...

THOSE PEOPLE FIND THAT

ministry becomes a living, organic out-flow
born **OUT OF** relationship... [*'revelation'*]

NOT BORN OUT OF

HARD WORK... LABOR... AND EFFORT!

GOOD PLANNING AND

DILIGENT EXECUTION!

BUT...IT

GROWS...

JUST LIKE...

FRUIT ...ON A BRANCH

THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE VINE!

KNOWING JESUS

BECOMES

OUR LIFE...

AND WE... JUST... LAY OUR LIVES

OUR FUTURE DREAMS AND VISIONS

HOPE OF A BLESSED FUTURE...

OUR MINISTRIES...

OUR VERY EXISTENCE...

AT... HIS... DISPOSAL!

SUBMITTED! YIELDED!

READY TO GO... OR STAY.

RISE... OR FALL...

BECOME SOMETHING...

OR NOTHING!

OUR 'VISION'

FOR THE FUTURE...

[OUR 'IMAGINATION']

IS GIVEN BY HIM.

AND WE LEAVE THEM...

WITH HIM!

WHEN MINISTRY

COMES FROM HIM:

[MINISTRY/CALLING/DESTINY/PURPOSE...

IN FACT... ALL OF 'CHRISTIANITY']

They're warm!

They have a pulse!

They breathe!

They're like babies that are born...

NOT BY INGENUITY...

STRATEGY & PLANNING...

BUT COMING **NATURALLY**

OUT OF INTIMACY WITH JESUS!

That ministry...

That Christianity...

isn't a mechanical, hollow, lifeless, cold

Counterfeit doll...

A 'BABY'

OF OUR OWN MAKING!

Born and raised by our work...

We become enslaved by their demands!

****NOT THEORY!****

***** WHAT...***

CROSSOVER'S...

BECOMING**

OUR REAL 'MINISTRIES' WERE

'ORDAINED BEFORE THE AGES'

THE PLAN THAT...

THE WISDOM GOD 'BROUGHT FORTH'

was decided on and fixed... **before creation.**

THE PURPOSE?

To glorify [REVEAL] us!

And our glorification... [OUR REVEALING]

glorifies [REVEALS] the one ... **who glorifies us!**

1 Cor 2.8 - 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

THERE ARE 2 WISDOMS!

AND WITH THESE COME...

2 'LANGUAGES'!

Babel is trying to rise again... in these days.

'SPEECH' IS UNIFYING

BUT IN 2 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES...

INCREASING THEIR DIVISION!

Like 2 languages in 2 GLOBAL 'CAMPS'...

keeping these camps apart!

SATAN...IS THE MASTER OF

CARNAL WISDOM!

He can run circles around us

if we PURSUE WISDOM!

But if we PURSUE JESUS...

AS OUR WISDOM...

WE HAVE GOD'S OWN WISDOM...

And Satan can't stand a chance against us!

WE CAN RUN

CIRCLES AROUND HIM!!

And the reason Satan can't

gain the wisdom we do?

Because it's only by

Holy Spirit revelation

TO INITIATED, CHOSEN PEOPLE!

1 Cor 2.9 - 9 But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

This secret wisdom

does not come through normal, natural means.

ONLY THROUGH

Holy Spirit ***IMPARTATION & REVELATION.***

YOU CAN...

Read the Bible. Hear the Bible.

Hear Bible teachings. Hear THE BEST!

FILL YOUR EYES/EARS/AND HEART!

BUT ...

UNTIL ...AND UNLESS ...

WE HEAR

the Holy Spirit speaking to us...

WE HAVE NO REVELATION...

AND NO WISDOM FROM GOD!

HOW DO I GET HIM TO SPEAK?

HE SPEAKS... NON-STOP!!

Our difficulty???!

Listening! Undistracted!!

But if we pay attention to him...

he'll point us toward Jesus...

AND THEN

THROUGH RELATIONSHIP...

Not just a 'legal' relationship

[like having a marriage certificate]...

But in a real relationship!

An experiential one

COMMUNICATION BECOMES

CONSISTENT!

THE PURSUIT OF JESUS

FOR JESUS...

IS THE ONLY PORTAL AVAILABLE

BY WHICH WE CAN

CROSS OVER FROM EARTHLY WISDOM

TO WISDOM 'FROM ABOVE'!

PURSUING JESUS TAKES US

FROM

NATURAL, MECHANICAL WISDOM...

INTO

GOD'S 'LIVING' WISDOM!

HOW DOES THE PURSUIT OF CHRIST

DO THAT?

HOLY SPIRIT REVELATION!

SPIRIT REVELATION FLOWS THROUGH ...

AND BECAUSE OF...

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS!!

CHRIST...

IS

THE WISDOM...

THE SPIRITUAL REVELATION...

OF GOD!

WHEN YOU PURSUE CHRIST...

YOU GET HEAVENLY WISDOM!

WHEN YOU PURSUE CHRIST...

YOU GET HOLY SPIRIT ***REVELATION!***

WHEN YOU DON'T?

YOU DON'T!

1 Cor 2.9 - The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

What is this special

'ordained before the ages for our glory'

wisdom ...anyway?

He should have said

Eye hasn't seen...

ear hasn't heard...

it hasn't come into the heart of any man...

GOD'S WISDOM!

SUDDENLY... HE SUBSTITUTES

'the things God has prepared

for those who love Him'...

As if they are the same!

I'VE WONDERED...

PRO. 8

When there were no depths **I was brought forth...**

Before the hills, **I was brought forth...**

God has **always** been wise.

But a time came

when he devised his creation plan...

And the whole point of the plan...

Was... saving and glorifying

a humanity

that freely chooses

To love him back!

God's wisdom...

IS...

what God has prepared for us!

When you pursue Christ...

the Holy Spirit begins to reveal...

God's plan to save and glorify you!

GOD'S REDEMPTIVE WISDOM

FLOWS THROUGH REVELATION...

WHICH FLOWS THROUGH ...

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST!

Job 26.5-14 - **5** "The dead tremble,

Those under the waters and those inhabiting them.

6 Sheol is naked before Him,

And Destruction has no covering.

7 He stretches out the north over empty space;

He hangs the earth on nothing.

8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds,

Yet the clouds are not broken under it.

9 He covers the face of *His* throne,

And spreads His cloud over it.

10 He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,

At the boundary of light and darkness.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble,

And are astonished at His rebuke.

12 He stirs up the sea with His power,

And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.

13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;

His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

14 Indeed these *are* the mere edges of His ways,

And how small a whisper we hear of Him!

But the thunder of His power who can understand?"