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What Is Wisdom?

- Wisdom is knowledge that is guided by understanding
- Wisdom is thinking and living as God designed us to live.
- Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge to everyday life.
- Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge.

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The Bible: True wisdom comes from the Lord

- James 1:5 (NIV) — 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
- James 3:17 (NIV) “Wisdom is from above.”
- Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) — 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

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There is no true wisdom apart from the knowledge of God.

- There Are Two Types Of Wisdom In Scripture:
- 1) Godly Wisdom 2) Worldly Wisdom

True wisdom belongs to God. It is given by Him alone.

- It cannot be received by those who put confidence in worldly wisdom

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True wisdom comes from God

- Proverbs 1:7 (NIV) — 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction
- *Wisdom Is Given By God Alone*
- *Wisdom Is Received Through God's Word*
- *Wisdom Is Received By Submitting Ourselves To God*
- *Godly Wisdom Is Enabled By God's Spirit*
- *Godly Wisdom Is Given In Response To Prayer*

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There Is A Wisdom That Is Higher Than Anything Man Can Come Up With Or Conceive

- Isaiah 55:9 (NIV) — 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NIV) — 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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- **The fear of the Lord is the starting place to acquire wisdom**
- Proverbs 9:10(NIV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding....”
- The Fear Of The Lord =A Deep, Profound Reverence And Awe Of God.
- The Place Where Nothing Else Matters As Much As That Encounter With God.

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When We Go To God First, We Gain Wisdom And Avoid Ruin.

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The Value Of Wisdom

- (Prov 8:11 NIV) for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- (Prov 16:16 NIV) How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

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- **Proverbs 3:13–18 (NIV)** — 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

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We Need Wisdom For Times Like These

- So That We Are Going In The Right Direction
- So That We Are Making The Right Choices
- Wisdom's Choice Is Always Going To Be: Truth & Reality

We Need Wisdom In Order To Know Truth & Reality

- To Uncover The Ruse Of The Enemy – Wo Wants Us To Align With Him & Disobey God

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We Need Wisdom In Times of Suffering

- Read: Job 28
- For Reasons That Job Does Not Know (And Is Not Told) Job Suffers Many Tragedies, Which Compound And Grow In His Life.
- Job Knew About Seeking Wisdom For Times Like Those When Suffering Encapsulated His Life.
- ***To Fear God Is Wisdom. To Reject Evil Is Understanding***

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We Need Wisdom For Truth And Reality

- We Must Determine What Is, And What Is Not, True And Real

God Wants To Give Us His Wisdom As An Important Enablement In This Cause

- The Enemy Of Truth Is Untruth And Lies
- The Enemy Of Reality Is Deception And Distortion

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We Need Wisdom For Our Leaders

- Wisdom To Govern
- Wisdom To Administer Justice
- Wisdom To Restore The Awe Of Gods Plan And Ways

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The Supreme Value Of True Wisdom

- It Is Priceless
- Proverbs 4:7 (NIV) — 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding
- It leads to life
- It brings prosperity
- It gives security
- Proverbs 4:6 (NIV) — 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

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Proverbs 3:21–22 (NIV) — 21 My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; 22 they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

- True Wisdom Is The Ability To Pursue And Choose Godliness

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God Will Give Us Wisdom

- (James 1:5 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

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Wisdom Is Supplied To Those Who Ask In Faith.

- (James 1:5-6 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (6) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.
- We must ask in an attitude of trust.
- The Way To Wisdom Is Through Prayer
- Asking -- Believing -- Receiving