



EPHESIANS 1 PART 3

7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

8 *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*
- Psalms 19:7-11

There are two kinds of wisdom competing for your heart. One is the wisdom of the world. It's loud, it's appealing, and it's always changing. It defines success by your possessions and your position, and it builds its truth on shifting sand—what's popular today is foolishness tomorrow. This wisdom tells you to trust your feelings, chase your ambitions, and conform to the patterns around you. But the Bible warns that this path leads only to a dead end. The other wisdom is from God. It is quiet, eternal, and found in the person of Jesus Christ. It cannot be earned by intelligence or bought with wealth; it is a divine gift, revealed by the Holy Spirit to those who are wholly His. This wisdom redefines success as transformation, power as surrender, and truth as the unchanging Word of God. It is the spiritual eyesight that allows you to see past the world's cheap counterfeits and grasp the eternal hope, the glorious inheritance, and the resurrection power that are yours in Christ. You cannot live with a foot in both worlds. To be lukewarm is to be refined by neither. To be double-minded is to receive nothing. Today is a day to choose your source. Will you continue to drink from the world's shallow, polluted streams, or will you ask for the pure, life-giving wisdom that flows only from the throne of God? Read Ephesians 1:7-14. After studying this passage, what is the single most impactful truth about your inheritance in Christ that you want to carry with you into the week ahead?

Read Ephesians 1:15-23: Paul uses Christ's resurrection and ascension as the ultimate benchmark for God's power. How does knowing this power is "toward us who believe" change your perspective on your own limitations?

1. "Gossip dies when a spirit of thankfulness is born." How can you intentionally apply Paul's example of prayer and thanksgiving this week to a situation where you might normally be tempted to judge or compete?
2. Read Proverbs 9:10 and Job 28:28. What is the non-negotiable starting point for acquiring true wisdom? How does this differ from the world's approach to gaining knowledge?
3. Now read James 1:5-8. God promises to give wisdom generously. What is the one condition He gives, and what is the vivid warning to those who don't meet it?
4. Considering James' warning, how does the worldly pursuit of the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (from 1 John 2:16) create a "double-minded" heart?
5. In what specific area of your life have you been using the world's scorecard for success (money, status, appearance, etc.)? What would it look like to apply God's scorecard of spiritual transformation instead?
6. According to 2 Corinthians 10:5, you have the authority to take thoughts captive. What is one recurring, anxious, or worldly thought you need to capture and make obedient to the truth of Christ's authority?