

Wisdom is not:

- 1. Wisdom is not experience or the result of age**
- 2. Wisdom is not just knowledge**
- 3. Wisdom is not just insight**
- 4. Wisdom is not just a resolve to act**

A few solid definitions of wisdom:

1. *Wisdom is the ability to perceive the true nature of a situation and to implement the will of God in that situation.*
2. *Wisdom is the factual knowledge and the situational insight and the necessary resolve that together succeeds in attaining full and everlasting happiness.*
3. *Wisdom is the practical application of God's truth to a specific situation.*
4. *Wisdom is knowing what God wants you to do and then doing it.*

The search for wisdom is doomed when it aims for the philosophical or practical answers of life.

1. "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree"

Ecclesiastes 2:12 (ESV)

2. Wisdom cannot make the sad things untrue.

Ecclesiastes 1:12–15 (ESV)

Revelation 21:5 (ESV) says, "⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Colossians 2:1–5 (ESV):

"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ."

The pursuit of wisdom is actually the pursuit of a person, and that person is Jesus Christ.

Job 28:28 (ESV) says,

²⁸And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

3. Wisdom is the fruit of fear, and fear is the fruit of forgiveness

Psalm 130:4 (ESV)

4. Wisdom is the way of the Christian life

Wisdom is better than the foolishness of the world

Ecclesiastes 2:13-14

Wisdom exercises discernment in doing what is right.

Ecclesiastes 8:2-9

Wisdom accepts the truth of who God is and that He knows what's best for us

Ecclesiastes 6:10-12

Wisdom makes the most of life before death, the world spends all of this life trying to be remembered after death

Ecclesiastes 2:15-16