



WISDOM

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Knowing the best thing to do in tough situations will always be one of life's challenges. Whether it's raising kids, nagging extended family circumstances, helping a friend navigate a crisis, or responding in strength to situations out of our control, we sometimes wish we knew the exact right thing to do or say to make everything better again. While we won't likely always get things right, we are promised as much wisdom as we need to use in our everyday lives by our heavenly Father. Wisdom can be described as the ability to practically and rightly apply knowledge. It's not just having experience or knowledge, but also knowing what to do with that knowledge.

The Bible urges us frequently to seek out wisdom, but not all wisdom is created equal. 1 Corinthians 3:19 tells us, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight." Godly wisdom begins and ends with Him, and He is eager for us all to obtain it.

James 3:5 tells us, "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". What great news! No matter who we are or where we are in our walk with God, we have only to ask and God will give us the wisdom we seek. The benefits of wisdom do not stop with simply helping us manage our daily lives. There are significant, long lasting benefits of growing in Godly wisdom. If you read through the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament, you will find references to wisdom abounding, and it's exciting to read what acquiring wisdom adds to our lives. Here are just a few from Proverbs chapters 1-3...

Proverbs teaches us that whoever receives wisdom will:
Increase learning, knowledge and understanding
Receive the Spirit of God poured out,
Dwell safely, have security, be without fear of evil,
Be delivered from evil and immorality,
Be shielded and preserved,
Find favor and high esteem with God and man,
Have their paths directed,
Have health and strength; add life to your soul
Understand justice and righteousness,
Have happiness, pleasantness, riches, and honor
Inherit glory

This list contains just a few of the benefits that scripture teaches come when we walk in the wisdom that is from above. God has already promised it to us; what is stopping you from growing in wisdom today?

VERSES TO READ

James 1:5-8
Proverbs 3

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Do I usually tend to seek out wisdom from worldly or godly sources when making plans for the future or tough decisions?
- What specific instances in my life right now do I need to apply God's wisdom toward?

PRAYER TO PRAY

Thank you, Lord, for promising to give me all the wisdom I need when I ask. I pray that I will seek your counsel for my life ahead of all others, and I thank you for the blessings you pour out when I walk in your wisdom. In Jesus name, Amen.