

# W I S D O M

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
(1 Corinthians 1:24)

Right from the beginning I would like to separate the wisdom of God from our human wisdom—the wisdom of this world—which the Scriptures also call fleshly wisdom (2 Corinthians 1:12). Let us see what God has to say about the wisdom of this world.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God.  
For it is written, “He is the One who catches the wise in their craftiness”;  
and again, “The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise,  
that they are useless.”

(1 Corinthians 3:19, 20)

A strong statement, isn't it? *We must believe it and act upon it!* Beloved, we don't go to the world to learn and gain wisdom, when in Christ Jesus we have received the wisdom of God. God's wisdom is higher and purer than anything we can come up with apart from God. The Scriptures are full of God's wisdom, so let us dig into the “treasure chest” and pull some of the treasures out.

But where can wisdom be found?  
And where is the place of understanding?  
Man does not know its value,  
Nor is it found in the land of the living.  
The deep says, “It is not in me”;  
And the sea says, “It is not with me.”  
Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it,  
Nor can silver be weighed as its price.  
It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,  
In precious onyx, or sapphire.  
Gold or glass cannot equal it,  
Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.  
Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned;  
And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls.  
The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,  
Nor can it be valued in pure gold. . . .  
And to man He said, “Behold, the fear of the Lord, that  
is wisdom;  
And to depart from evil is understanding.”  
(Job 28:12–19, 28)

[Wisdom] is more precious than jewels;  
And nothing you desire compares with her.

Long life is in her right hand;  
In her left hand are riches and honor.  
Her ways are pleasant ways,  
And all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,  
And happy are all who hold her fast.  
(Proverbs 3:15–18)

For wisdom is better than jewels;  
And all desirable things can not compare with her.  
“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
And I find knowledge and discretion.”  
(Proverbs 8:11, 12)

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!  
And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.  
(Proverbs 16:16)

**Wisdom—nothing we desire compares with her** (Proverbs 3:15). Beloved, think deeply about this truth! Comprehend the full meaning of it.

**In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge** (Colossians 2:3). And Jesus is ours. Glory to God! We have access to all of God’s wisdom and God wants us to use it. We rely on God, because only His wisdom can guide us through life securely.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and  
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments  
and unfathomable His ways!  
(Romans 11: 33)

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,  
gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits,  
unwavering, without hypocrisy.  
(James 3:17)

The wisdom of God is so different from the wisdom of this world. We have to keep in mind that the ruler of this world is Satan. The importance of applying the wisdom of God is evident throughout the Scriptures. In the Old Testament, whole chapters in the book of Proverbs describe and personify wisdom (chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 8). There is no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel against the Lord (Proverbs 21:30).

God is telling us that only His wisdom is able to settle any situation, and only His wisdom can decide anything justly. Brothers and sisters, let us rely on God and His wisdom. Why settle for anything else? Thank you Jesus!

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.  
(Proverbs 1:7)

For the Lord gives wisdom;  
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.  
(Proverbs 2:6)

Through presumption comes nothing but strife,  
But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.  
(Proverbs 13:10)

He who walks with wise men will be wise,  
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.  
(Proverbs 13:20)

The naive believes everything,  
But the prudent man considers his steps.  
A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil,  
But a fool is arrogant and careless.  
(Proverbs 14:15, 16)

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;  
He who keeps understanding will find good.  
(Proverbs 19:8)

By wisdom a house is built,  
And by understanding it is established;  
And by knowledge the rooms are filled  
With all precious and pleasant riches.  
(Proverbs 24:3, 4)

For to a person who is good in His sight He has given  
wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has  
given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may  
give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is vanity  
and striving after wind.  
(Ecclesiastes 2:26)

For wisdom is protection just as money is protection.  
But the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves  
the lives of its possessors.  
(Ecclesiastes 7:12)

For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.

(Romans 16:19)

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

(Colossians 4:5)