

## Wisdom from Above

**Overview:** We all want to make good decisions. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us. This is when Wisdom steps in to show us in what direction we need to go.

**Jas 3:13** Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of **wisdom**.

**1Co 1:30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us **wisdom**, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

### A. What Wisdom Is

**Col 2:2** I do this in order that they may be filled with courage and may be drawn together in love, and so have the full wealth of assurance which true understanding brings. In this way they will know God's secret, which is Christ himself.

**Col 2:3** He is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God's **wisdom** and knowledge.

**Pro 2:2** Making your ear attentive to skillful *and* godly **Wisdom** *and* inclining And directing your heart *and* mind to understanding...

**Pro 2:3** Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,

**Pro 2:4** If you seek [**Wisdom**] as for silver and search for skillful *and* godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures,

**Pro 2:5** Then you will understand the reverent *and* worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [*our omniscient*] God. [Pro. 1:7]

**Pro 2:6** For the Lord gives skillful *and* godly **Wisdom**; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. **AMPC**

**Pro 9:9** Give *instruction* to a **wise man**, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

**Mat 7:24** "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a **wise** man who built his house on the rock:

**Mat 7:25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

**Mat 7:26** "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

**Mat 7:27** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

**2Ch 1:7** On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

**2Ch 1:8** And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place.

**2Ch 1:9** Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

**2Ch 1:10** Now give me **wisdom and knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

**2Ch 1:11** Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked **wisdom and knowledge** for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—

**2Ch 1:12** **wisdom and knowledge** *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

**1Ki 4:29** And God gave Solomon **wisdom** and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

**1Ki 4:30** Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the **wisdom** of Egypt.

**1Ki 4:34** And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his **wisdom**, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

**1Ki 10:8** Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your **wisdom**!

## B. Seeking Wisdom

**Pro 1:7** The reverent *and* **worshipful fear** of the Lord is the beginning *and* the principal *and* choice part of knowledge [*its starting point and its essence*]; but fools despise skillful *and* godly **Wisdom**, instruction, *and* discipline. AMPC

**Pro 9:10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of **wisdom**: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

**1Co 1:21** For God in His **wisdom** made it impossible for people to know Him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called "foolish" message we preach, God decided to save those who believe.

**1Co 1:22** Jews want miracles for proof, and Greeks **look (seek)** for **wisdom**.

**1Co 1:23** As for us, we proclaim the crucified Christ, a message that is offensive to the Jews and nonsense to the Gentiles;

**1Co 1:24** but for those whom God has called, both Jews and Gentiles, this message is Christ, who is the power of God and the **wisdom** of God.

**1Co 1:25** For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human **wisdom**, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength. GNB

**Jas 1:5** If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**Luk 18:8b** ... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

**Psa 111:10** The reverent fear *and* **worship** of the Lord is the beginning of **Wisdom** *and* skill [*the preceding and the first essential, the prerequisite and the alphabet*]; a good understanding, **wisdom**, *and* meaning have all those who do [*the will of the Lord*]. Their **praise** of Him endures forever. AMPC

**Isa 33:6** And there shall be stability in your times, an abundance of salvation, **wisdom**, and knowledge; the reverent fear *and* **worship** of the Lord is your treasure *and* His. AMPC

**Pro 13:20** He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

## C. What Wisdom is Not

**Jas 3:14** But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

**Jas 3:15** This **wisdom** does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.

**Jas 3:16** For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

**Pro 8:13** The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

#### D. What Wisdom from Above Is

**Jas 3:17** But the **wisdom** that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

**Mat 5:8** Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

**1Jn 3:3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

**Joh 14:27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...

**Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life...**

**Psa 145:8** The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of **great mercy.**

**Gal 5:22** ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

**Gal 5:23** Meekness, temperance...

**Deu 1:17** Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye **shall hear the small as well as the great**; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

**Mat 15:8** 'These people, says God, honor me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me.

**Mat 15:9** It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules as though they were my laws!' "

**Mat 23:24** Blind guides! You strain a fly out of your drink, but swallow a camel!

**Mat 23:25** "How terrible for you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You clean the outside of your cup and plate, while the inside is full of what you have gotten by violence and selfishness.

**Mat 23:26** Blind Pharisee! Clean what is inside the cup first, and then the outside will be clean too!

**Mat 23:27** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness.

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