

#SeekFirst

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.





WISDOM

"It requires wisdom to understand wisdom: the music is nothing if the audience is deaf."

Walter Lippmann





How important is wisdom to you?

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

Proverbs 16:16



Proverbs 3:13-17 (AMP)

13 Happy [blessed, considered fortunate, to be admired] is the man who finds [skillful and godly] wisdom, And the man who gains understanding and insight [learning from God's word and life's experiences], 14 For wisdom's profit is better than the profit of silver, And her gain is better than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; And nothing you can wish for compares with her [in value]. 16 Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor.17 Her ways are highways of pleasantness and favor, And all her paths are peace.

2.1 Definition: WISDOM [DICTIONARY]

- : knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life
- : the natural ability to understand things that most other people cannot understand
- : knowledge of what is proper or reasonable: good sense or judgment
- elsewhere: "the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting."

2.1 Definition: WISDOM

Wisdom is the right decision, the correct interpretation, the correct perspective in any given set of facts / circumstances

Wisdom is God's perspective, God's insight, God's will



2.2 Origin / Source of True Wisdom:

James 1:5 "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."

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.



Wrong Source?

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their own craftiness'; and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'"

1 Corinthians 3:19-20





Fear of the Lord:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

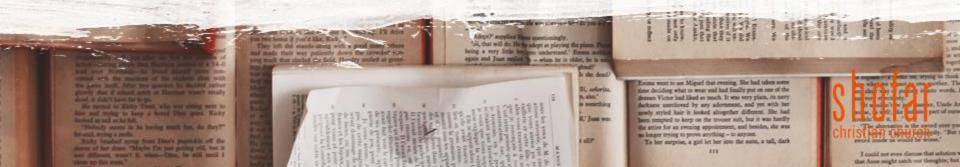


Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

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(AMP) 10 The [reverent] fear of the Lord is the beginning (the prerequisite, the absolute essential, the alphabet) of wisdom; A good understanding and a teachable heart are possessed by all those who do the will of the Lord; His praise endures forever.

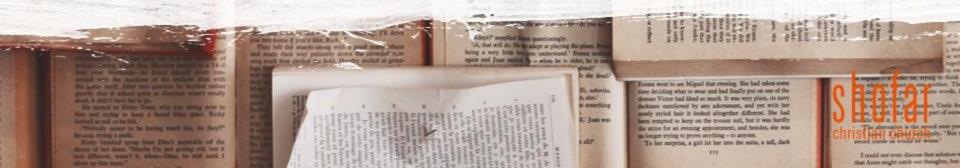


Hebrews 12:28-29 is a good description of this:

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"

The fear of God is respecting Him, obeying Him, submitting to His discipline, and worshipping Him in awe.

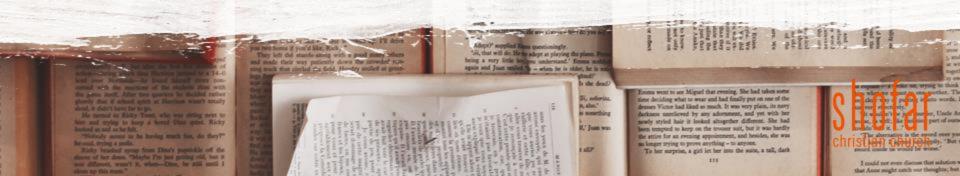
"The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death" Proverbs 14:27



3.2 JESUS:

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24**

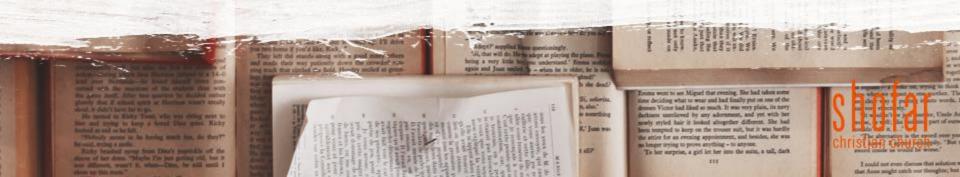
He is Wisdom itself: "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption" 1 Corinthians 1:30



3.2 JESUS:

1 Corinthians 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



3.3 Holy Spirit

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him-- a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.



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When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 11:2

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise.

1 Corinthians 3:18



