

The Ways of the Wise



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A scenic sunset over a beach. In the foreground, a wooden walkway made of planks leads through sand and low-lying green vegetation towards the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain (Table Mountain) is visible against the sky. The word "Wisdom" is written in a large, white, cursive script across the middle of the image.

Wisdom

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

Walter Lippmann

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1. Priceless, Crucial and Significant:

How important is Wisdom to you?

Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver.

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, a sandy beach is populated with many small figures of people. The ocean extends to the horizon, with gentle waves visible. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain (Table Mountain) dominates the skyline. The sky is overcast with soft clouds.

Wisdom

“Wisdom has an eternal echo, more so than gold.”

Proverbs 3:13-17 (AMP) 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 favour, And all her paths are peace.

1.1 Definition: WISDOM

- 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

“the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.”

Sophia sof-ee'-ah From GREEK 4680; wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual): - wisdom.

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, a sandy beach curves along the left side, with several small figures of people walking. The ocean occupies the right and center, with gentle waves lapping at the shore. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain (Table Mountain) rises from the coastline. To the left of the mountain, a cityscape with various buildings is visible. The sky is overcast with soft clouds. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "God's perspective, insight and will" in a large, white, cursive script font.

*God's perspective,
insight and will*

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, a wide sandy beach stretches across the frame, with several small figures of people scattered across it. The ocean waves are breaking gently onto the shore. In the background, a city with various buildings is visible along the coastline, and a large, flat-topped hill or mountain rises in the distance under a hazy sky.

Wisdom is knowledge correctly applied

- a decision based on my knowledge is limited to my knowledge
- a decision based on worldly wisdom is limited to human knowledge
- a decision based on true wisdom is dependent upon God's knowledge

1.2 Origin / Source of True Wisdom:

1 Kings 3

Only giver of true wisdom is God:

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.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Not so wise...

1 Corinthians 3:19-20 "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.'"

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

2. Wisdom Essentials:

2.1 The Fear of the Lord:

No one takes advice from...

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 111:10 (AMP) 10 The [reverent] (synonyms: worshipful and humble) fear of the Lord is the beginning (the prerequisite, the absolute essential, the alphabet) of wisdom...

Fear of the Lord -

Positive; Reverence; Awe; Relational; Respect; Not forced

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



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2.2 Jesus:

Matthew 7:24 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.

1 Corinthians 1:30 “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”

2.3 The 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.

THE HELPER! Hallelujah!

3. Do you want it?

Humble and Submissive heart

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

1 Corinthians 3:18 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.

We need it!



Wisdom challenge -

“Is it wise?”

Wisdom Lord!



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Let's Pray



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