

GOD'S TREASURE

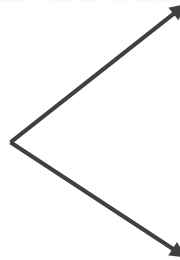
PART FIVE



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THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS SERIES
OUR WHY?



Isaiah 33:6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; **The fear of the Lord is His treasure.**
- Many **PROMISES** and **BENEFITS**

DEFINITION



Revere, **Awe**, See God | His will & opinion the ultimate
Reverence from **revelation** | Revelation comes from real relationship and love

NOT



Natural fear, -demonic fear, -fear of man* or being casual with God

HOW?



Psalm 34:11 Come, **children**, listen to me; **I will teach** you the fear of the Lord. [Tongue from evil&lips from deceitful speech; Turn from evil; seek peace] **Psalm 86**



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CONDITIONS —→

Proverbs 2 – My Son... understand...

**JESUS & THE
FEAR OF GOD** —→

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**JESUS, THE HOLY
SPIRIT & THE
FEAR OF GOD** —→

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the **fear of the Lord.** **3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord,** And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears

OUR HELP | THE HELPER



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FEAR OF MAN →

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man is a snare, but the one who trusts in the Lord is protected. **Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)** The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

FEAR OF MAN →

- What man thinks of you and what you do
 - This is the opposite of the fear of God
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1 SAMUEL 15 →

The LORD Rejects Saul as King because of the Fear of Man

CRIPPLING →

To the body of Christ: **Disappointment, resentment and the fear of man**

WE PRAYED →

‘GOD EXPOSE THE SNARE’



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FEAR OF MAN →

Influence / Control:

PEOPLE or GOD

The enemy disguises its work through people...

FEAR OF MAN →
Antichrist spirit

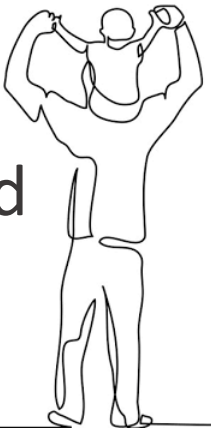
It is the antichrist spirit, which means, it ultimately wants to destroy the work, will and Church of Christ in our lives.

EXAMPLES →

Herod – **John the Baptist killed**
Pilot – **Jesus killed**

**DEATHBED
REGRETS** →

“I wish I lived a life of courage true to the fear of God and not by the fear of man and what people would think.”





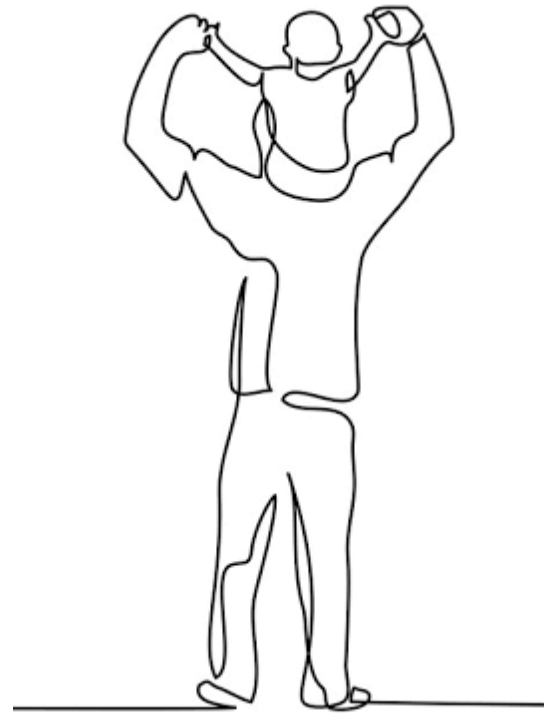
The Fear of God
CARRIES MANY BENEFITS

1. The Fear of God | Benefits:

Who knows a wise person?

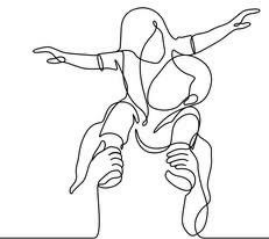
Who would like to be wise?

How much do you want it?



The Word: Stories

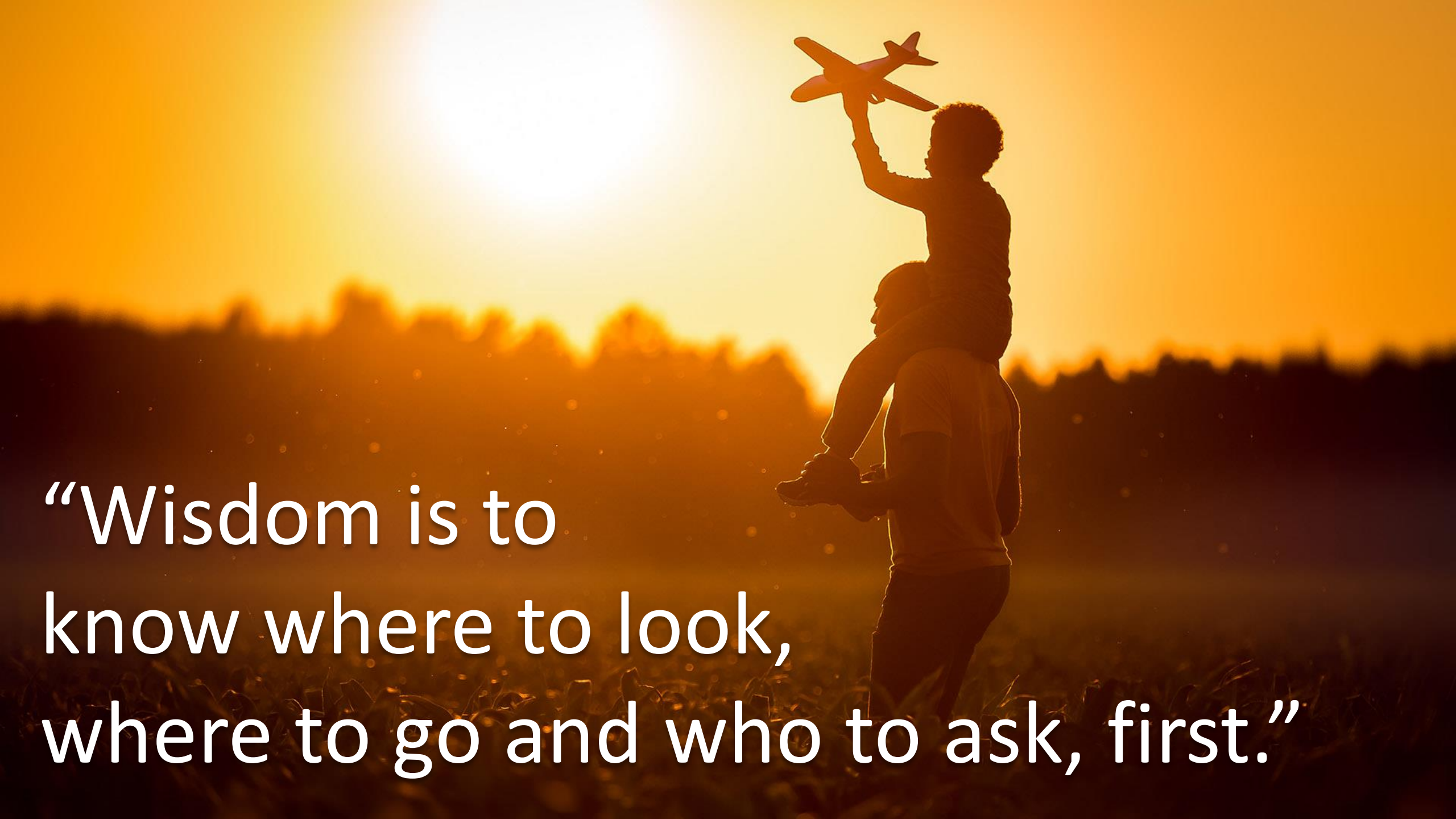
1 Kings 3:5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” 6 Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 7 “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to



govern this great people of yours?”

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” 15 Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.





“Wisdom is to
know where to look,
where to go and who to ask, first.”

2. Wisdom

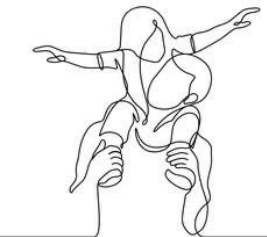
Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His instructions have good insight. His praise endures forever.



Psalms 111:10 AMP

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.

Proverbs 1:7 NIV The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



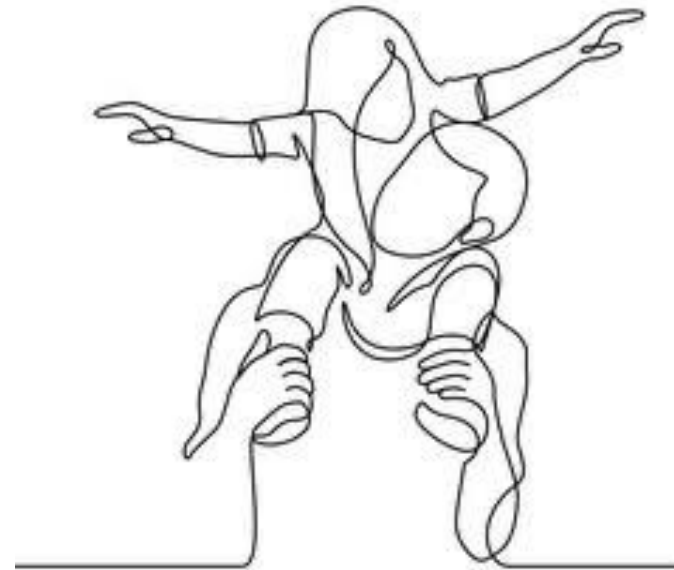
2.1 Wisdom

Is it knowledge?

Wisdom is:

- the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement; the quality of being wise;
- the fact of being based on sensible or wise thinking.

**True wisdom is knowledge
supernaturally applied right.**



“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” - Charles Spurgeon



2.2 How to carry His wisdom:

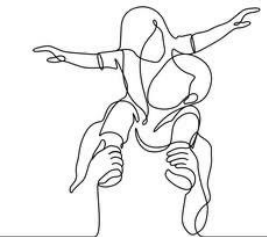
#1 Psalm 111:10 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'

It starts with Him – awe, reverence, worship, adoration

Reverence: Revelation from relationship

The more I encounter, the more wise I will be.

The more I've seen and behold Him, the more wise I will be.



2.2 How to carry His wisdom...:

#2 Psalm 111:10 'all who follow His instructions have good insight'

→ The Word of God:

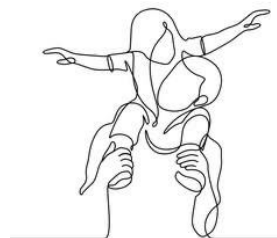
The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path

Psalm 119:105

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. **2 Timothy 3:16**

Psalm 119:9-11 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

It is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword **Hebrews 4:12**



“To know the Word of
God, to live the Word of
God, to preach the Word,
to teach the Word, is the
sum of all wisdom, the
heart of all Christian
service.” - Charles E. Fuller



→ The Spirit's instructions:

Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

John 16:13-15 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Isaiah 11:2"The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD."



2.3 Truth Confirmed: Wisdom

This is the fear of the Lord →

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

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."



#1 Seek Him – Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

#2 Sacrifice for it - C.S. Lewis - No great wisdom can be reached without sacrifice.

#3 Surround yourself with the God fearing - C.S. Lewis - The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are.





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Prayer

