

WISDOM FROM GOD ?

Knowledge - acquisition of information -

Understanding - comprehension of how information fits into

Wisdom - Application of the right knowledge in the right place at the right time

Ignorance - lacking information [Psalm 92:6](#) A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this:

Fool - having information and ignoring it (rejecting it)

Immature - Mature -

"Wisdom," in the Bible, "is knowing the greatest goal in any situation, and the best way to achieve that goal." (Sermon by John Piper, "The Great Work of the Only Wise God", based on Romans 16:25-27) Wisdom sees the big picture, in focus, each part in its proper relationship to rest. Wisdom is different from knowledge. You can have knowledge without wisdom. There are a lot of brilliant fools. But you cannot have wisdom without knowledge, because in order to discern the best way to achieve a goal, you have to be able to integrate, to fuse together all kinds of factors from various sources of knowledge and experience.

Gods OMNISCIENCE -

"His understanding is infinite" Ps. 147:5

[1 John 3:20](#) in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

[Psalm 139:4](#) Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

[Matthew 10:30](#) "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

[Psalm 147:4](#) He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

[Hebrews 4:13](#) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

[Psalm 139:1-4](#) O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Job 38:4-“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across
it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷ while the morning stars
sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Wise people in scripture

1. Daniel - Daniel 1:20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

2. Joseph -

3. Moses

4. Solomon - 2 Sam 14:20

4. Paul -

5. 3 "wise men" -

6. sons of Issachar - knew the signs of the times

Fools in the Bible -

1. Cain

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[Psalm 53:1](#) The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God,"

[Jeremiah 4:22](#) "For My people are foolish, They know Me not; They are stupid children And have no understanding They are shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."

A Fool has to be told he is a fool, A Wise man already knows he is...

[1 Samuel 13:13](#) Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

[2 Samuel 24:10](#) Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

[Proverbs 12:15](#) The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

1 Kings 4:29- God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.³⁰ Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.³¹ He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.³² He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.³³ He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.³⁴ From all nations people came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.

Contradiction of Godly and worldly wisdom -

[1 Corinthians 4:10](#) We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

[1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#) For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are

[1 Corinthians 1:18](#) For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

[1 Corinthians 1:20-25](#) Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

[Ephesians 5:15-17](#) Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Rom 1:¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Marks of a Wise person:

Marks of a Fool:

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| 1. Plans ahead, creates strategy | 1. Impulsive |
| 2. Recognizes his own limitations | 2. Thinks too highly of himself |
| 3. Saves for the future | 3. spends all he has / consumes |
| 4. Finds solutions | 4. complains about problems and blames |
| 5. Honors elders | 5. Disrespects elders |
| 6. Emotionally self aware | 6. Emotionally unstable |
| 7. Calm, peaceful, polite | 7. anxiety, rage, rude |
| 8. Teachable student | 8. Know it all, opinionated |
| 9. considers two sides, weighs options | 9. rush to judgment, single minded |
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| 1. wise and foolish virgins waiting on bridegroom | Matt 25:1-13 |
| 2. wise man builds on a rock | Matt 7:24-27 |
| 3. spending and saving | Prov 21:20 |
| 4. Think of yourself humbly | Rom 12:3 |
| 5. seek Gods wisdom | Matt 7:7 |
| 6. weigh your options | Acts 5:34-39 |
| 7. | |

Prov 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

James 1: ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 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. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

1 Kings 3:5-15 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.

Job 12:12 - Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?

Psalms 37:30 - The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.

Prov 3:7 - Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

Rom 12:3 - For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment

Prov 4:6,7 - Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;

love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Prov 13:1 -

Prov 14:1 -

Prov 15:12 -

Prov 19:20 -

1 Cor 1:25 -

Acts 5:34-39 ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.

³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

from Proverbs, here's our Top 10 List of wise words for life:

1. **Guidance** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

This might be the most quoted passage in all of Proverbs; maybe you've memorized it. But wherever you're headed in life, these words will always remind you who directs your steps.

2. **Discernment** (Proverbs 14:12)

*There is a way that seems right to a man,
but in the end it leads to death.*

Yeah, that verse ends on kind of a downer. But you get the point: Sometimes something seems right, but it might be the wrong choice after all. That's why we've always got to ask God to help us make wise decisions.

3. **Confidence** (Proverbs 3:25-26)

*Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
for the Lord will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being snared.*

Finishing high school can be kind of scary. You might not feel as confident as you did before. But remember: "The Lord will be your confidence."

4. **Work** (Proverbs 6:6-9)

*Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,
yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.
How long will you lie there, you sluggard?
When will you get up from your sleep?*

Life lessons from an ant? Yep. Ants might be the hardest-working critters alive. They're always busy, always planning ahead. Being on your own—whether in college or at a full-time job—is hard work. It's tempting to get lazy—especially in college, where it's easy to sleep through those early-morning classes. Mom won't be there to tell you, for the 14th

time, to get out of bed; there will be "no commander, no overseer or ruler." You'll have to kick yourself into gear, because nobody else will do it for you.

5. **Relationships** (Proverbs 12:26)

*A righteous man is cautious in friendship,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

Here's a great verse on choosing friends wisely. As you begin to develop new friendships after high school, ask God to point you to people who won't lead you astray.

6. **Sexual purity** (Prov. 6:25-26, 28)

*Do not lust in your heart after her beauty
or let her captivate you with her eyes,
for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread,
and the adulteress preys upon your very life. ...
Can a man walk on hot coals
without his feet being scorched?*

You might be saying, "Prostitutes and adultery? That doesn't apply to me." But these verses are about much more than that. They're about the strong temptation of sex, a temptation that affects us all. This passage clearly says sex outside of marriage is also outside of God's perfect plan. When we violate that plan, we walk "on hot coals"—and get burned.

7. **Money** (Proverbs 11:28)

*Whoever trusts in riches will fall,
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

Whether you're off to college or a job, it's easy to think that money will bring happiness or solve your problems. But the Bible is clear that money doesn't do those things. If you wanna "thrive like a green leaf," pursue righteousness, not riches.

8. **Parents** (Proverbs 23:22, 25)

*Listen to your father, who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old. ...
May your father and mother be glad;
may she who gave you birth rejoice!*

It's perfectly natural to want independence—and, ultimately, to break away from Mom and Dad. But don't rush that process. Even when you're on your own, your parents are still your parents and deserve your respect. Do what you can to make them proud and glad you're their kid.

9. **Compassion** (Proverbs 19:17)

*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward him for what he has done.*

We all tend to get so caught up in our own lives that we sometimes forget there are hurting people all around us. But God always wants us to share his great love with others. Volunteer with a local ministry. Take a short-term missions trip. Make time to reach out and touch someone.

10. **The future** (Proverbs 23:18)

*There is surely a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.*

You're probably wondering what your future holds. But this verse says you don't have to worry about it: If you follow God, he'll take care of it—and he'll take care of you. Nothing can cut you off from his love. He will carry you through, all the way.