

WISDOM

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The Lord formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else. I was appointed in ages past, at the very first, before the earth began.

I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence. And how happy I was with the world he created; how I rejoiced with the human family!

Proverbs 8:22-23,30-31 NLT

In Scripture, we find Wisdom personified, stating that it was formed from the beginning and was present when God established the foundations of the earth. This image of Wisdom highlights its vital importance in creation and its fundamental role in our lives. To live without wisdom is to live far from the purpose that God has for us.

Humanity often confuses wisdom with knowledge. However, wisdom is actually the application of knowledge. It's not just about accumulating information, but about how we use that information practically in our lives.

"Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly."

Proverbs 3:18 NLT

God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and offered them the opportunity to eat from the tree of life, which symbolizes wisdom. They were warned about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, indicating that true wisdom is found in a living, dynamic relationship with God, not in the simple acquisition of human knowledge. Divine wisdom gives life, brings peace, and produces fruit that benefit us and also those around us.

Wisdom in Our Lives

True wisdom manifests through our actions.

The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life...

Proverbs 11:30 NLT

Wise actions are those that positively impact the lives of others. Reflecting on how our choices and behaviors affect those around us can help guide us to be more intentional in our decisions. Some people can live with a great store of knowledge, but if that knowledge is not translated into actions, it remains empty. Wisdom is about how we apply what we know, and that requires humility and a willingness to act in accordance with the truth and will of God.

Human Wisdom vs. Divine Wisdom

If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 3:13,15,17 NLT

It is crucial to distinguish between human wisdom and divine wisdom. The apostle James warns us about 'earthly wisdom,' which is selfish and, at its core, opposed to love. This wisdom seeks to stand out, compete, and manipulate, and its fruits are envy and conflict. In contrast, the wisdom that comes from God is pure, peaceful, and generous.

Human wisdom, on the other hand, seeks to rely on reason and knowledge, often leading to destruction and injustice. Divine wisdom draws us closer to God and keeps us in unity with Him, while earthly wisdom tries to convince us that we can live independently of God and consequently distancing us from Him.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16 NLT

Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God's wisdom. He is the visible image of the invisible God, and all things were created through Him. By surrendering to Jesus, we surrender to His wisdom and learn to live not only by knowledge, but by every word that comes from His mouth.

When we draw closer to Jesus and allow His wisdom to guide our lives, we begin to see the world through His eyes. We learn to love, serve, and live in a way that glorifies our Creator.

Application

Seek Wisdom in prayer, reading her word. Take time every day to ask God to give you His wisdom.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

James 1:5 NLT

Determine in your heart that His wisdom will guide every decision you make.

Reflection Question

Before making important decisions, reflect on how they align with the principles of God's Word. Ask yourself, "Am I acting out of selfishness or love?" Evaluating our motives can reveal areas where we need to live in His divine wisdom.

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