



Wisdom

Your Life
Gods Empowerment



Updates

Fish Fry

JULY 13th 6-8pm at Beyond Church

- a. Held at Beyond Church
- b. Registration is open NOW and closes **July 6th**
- c. Cost: \$12 per plate
- d. Age Restriction: is at parent's discretion
- e. Menu: Fish, Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert, Drinks
- f. You can sew into this event through the Rebel Give app when you register.



Updates

September 14th from 6 to 8pm. Skeet Shoot on September 14th - 6 to 8pm

- a. Held in Alma
- b. Cost: \$3 per person (covers 25 targets)
- c. \$3 per person (covers 25 targets)
- d. Bring your own gun
- e. Bring your own shells
- f. Bring your own eye and ear protection
- g. Bring your own snacks
- h. Age restriction: At parents discretion
- i. Goal: Every man shoots at least 25 targets and in on a knock out competition.



Why Wisdom

1. What have you done or what do you want to do, that you believe is a part of your life's purpose, that doesn't require wisdom?
2. Do you want those that come after you to stand on your shoulders or start over
3. As a Leader, you make choices. Do you want to make wise choices?
4. As the one accountable for those you lead, is having God's wisdom important to you?
5. Do you consider yourself wise? Why or why not?



Wisdom

Wisdom - The ability to judge what is the best choice to create a positive outcome in light of God's authority in your life.

- Wisdom the faculty of discerning or judging what is most just, proper and useful, and if it is to be considered as an acquirement, it is the knowledge and use of what is best, most just, most proper, most conducive to prosperity or happiness. It differs somewhat from prudence, in this respect; prudence is the exercise of sound judgment in avoiding evils; wisdom is the exercise of sound judgment either in avoiding evils or attempting good.



Understand The Value

“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.”

- Silver
- Gold
- Rubies
- Greater than all desires
- Long Life
- Riches
- Honor
- Peace
- Life
- Blessing

Proverbs 3:13-18 NIV



Gods Goal

God wants you to be wise!

Proverbs 2:6 NIV

For the Lord gives wisdom: from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

James 1:5 NIV

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.

He gave us His Word... He has given us wisdom...



Where It All Started...

“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”

Genesis 3:5-6 NIV

Ever since, we've been tempted to Be Like God...But without God



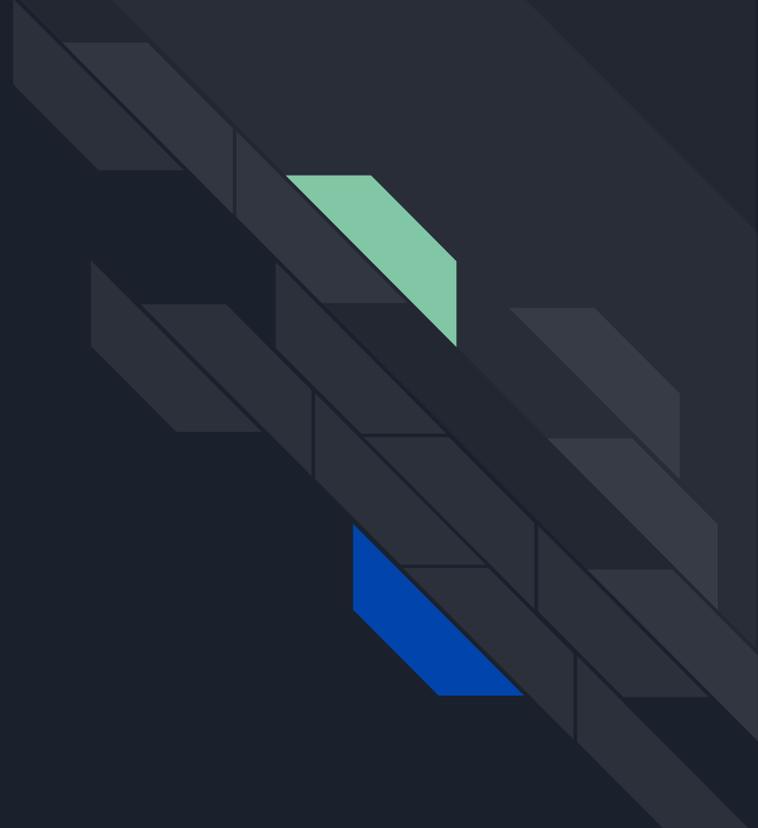
The Great Exchange

There is a worldly wisdom... that we are taught to lean on.

1. Education - Wisdom is really found in the brilliance of academia.
2. Life Experience - Hey, you live and you learn.. it's a process ya know!
3. Advice from others - what does the Think Tank think?
4. John Wayne mentality - Trust and Rely on No One! Be Independent
5. Co-Dependence on a single trusted source - Mama/Daddy knows best!

God can't be trusted to lead you.. He's hiding and holding back what you need!

We're in a battle for
wisdom.. where do we
go to get it?





Proverbs

“The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.”

Proverbs 1:1-6 NIV

Written by the wise for everyone to learn from.



The Pinnacle

The trappings of the world is interpreted as the proof of wisdom.

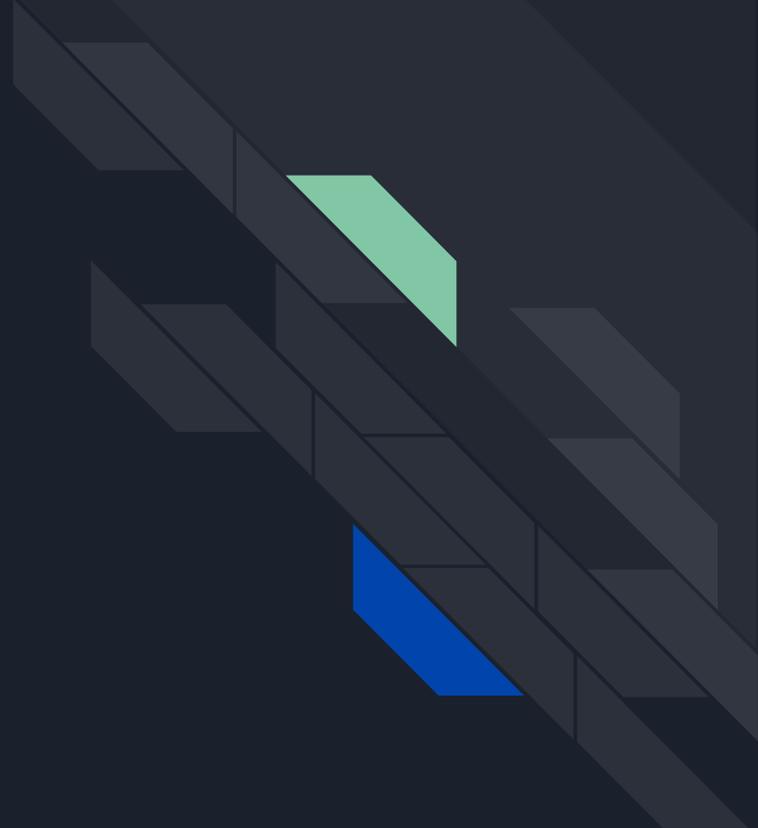
The deception is that the prideful pursuit of the worlds pleasures is our priority.

After all, the more I have.. the more I must be wise!

Matthew 16:26 NKJV

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

If it's so easy...
Why is it so hard!





Why Do We Reject Wisdom

Pride

- a. Arrogance - You “Got This”
 - i. Your own Understanding
 - 1. Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all you thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall shall direct thy paths. (KJV)
 - ii. Your understanding is void of currency, it’s based on past experience and the limits of your earthly learning. Your choices about tomorrow need to be based on input from the Lord today.
 - 1. Relationship vs. Information



Why Do We Reject Wisdom

- a. Fear - What if I don't..I can't..etc.
 - i. You know better - You have more faith in your flesh to fail.. than in God's might to succeed.
- b. Self-Loathing - I'm just a sinner saved by Grace... If you are saved by Grace, you're not just a sinner. You're the righteousness of God.
 - i. The kingdom of God is for the most receiving, not the most deserving
 - ii. Consider the Vine and the Branches

When we get wisdom we refuse to follow it:

- There is no amount of wisdom that will make up for an un-yielded heart.



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Our past...

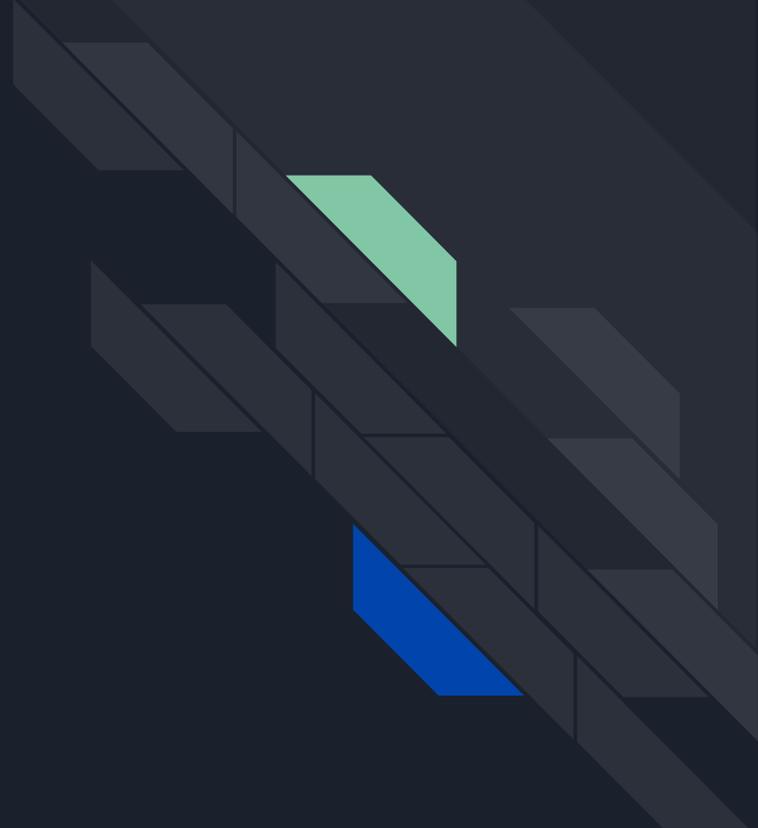
We can be deceived into believing that an unwise choice or a period of our lives that was off-track... Is going to dominate our lives.

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Wisdom

Let's take a look under
the hood!



An Intricate System

1. Wisdom is made up of multiple components:

Proverbs 8:12-14 NIV

“I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power.”

- a. Knowledge
- b. Understanding
- c. Insight
- d. Discretion
- e. Prudence
- f. Instruction
- g. Guidance





Summary

Knowledge - Facts and Information.

Understanding - How things fit together and function.

Wisdom - The ability to judge what is the best choice to create a positive outcome.

Prudence - The ability to foresee and avoid evil.

Discretion: The ability to make good choices about your own conduct in a situation.

Instruction - The details and process of receiving knowledge and insight.

Guidance - External input designed to help you reach your objective.

Insight - The ability to see intuitively into the inner workings of a situation.



Knowledge

Knowledge - Facts and Information.

Proverbs 1:7 NAS

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 8:10 NAS

Take my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold.

Proverbs 12:1 NAS

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid



Understanding

Understanding - How things fit together and function.

Proverbs 2:2 NAS

Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding;

Proverbs 3:5 NAS

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs 21:16 NAS

A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead.



Prudence

Prudence - The ability to foresee and avoid evil.

Proverbs 27:12 ESV

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

Proverbs 13:16 ESV

In everything the prudent acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.

Proverbs 19:14 ESV

House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.



Insight

Insight - The ability to see intuitively into the inner workings of a situation.

Proverbs 8:14 ESV

I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.



Discretion

Discretion: The ability to make good choices about your own conduct in a situation.

Proverbs 11:22 ESV

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

Proverbs 19:11 (King James Version)

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Proverbs 1:4 NIV

For giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young



Instruction

Instruction - The details and process of receiving knowledge and insight.

Proverbs 4:13 ESV

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

Proverbs 10:17 ESV

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

Proverbs 9:9 ESV

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.



Guidance

Guidance - External input designed to help you reach your objective.

Proverbs 11:14 ESV

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 1:5 ESV

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,

Proverbs 24:6 ESV

For by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.



What We Need To Do

HOW - TO - GET - YOUR - WISDOM - ON

Get After It!

Psalms 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

1. Read the Word

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

- a. Daily Intake - What's your diet like? Do you eat twice a week?
- b. Allow the Lord to do the talking - slow down on your agenda in prayer, let God move you off your problems and onto His solutions.
- c. Read Proverbs daily based on the day of the month. Stop when something hits you.. Stop trying to check the, " I read my Bible for X minutes today" box.



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1. Pray
 - a. Pray for what you need and want (i.e. knowledge, understanding, discretion, etc.)
 - b. Don't be a coward
 - c. Pray in thankfulness and not fear

Note: GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WISE



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1. Counsel

- a. Find a Godly man or ten to get on the level with and start asking lots of questions.
- b. Stop counseling with those who aren't directing you towards God's methods for accomplishing your goals.
 - i. People who are not executing their mission in life, aren't calibrated to help you on yours.
- c. Turn OFF the news, radio, and social media
 - i. These are forms of counsel because they direct your thoughts..



What We Need To Do

HOW - TO - GET - YOUR - WISDOM - ON

1. Forgive

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 ESV

Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

There is nothing a man can do.. or not do.. to deny you God's wisdom and its fruit. . Unless YOU let it..

Ephesians 5:15-17 ESV

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

