

The Wisdom of God: Our Great Need, Week 1

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SYNOPSIS:

This series of messages is going help the children of God understand that Jesus has turned every opportunity for sin into an opportunity to win. Every challenge we face in life is a door for which God's wisdom can be manifest in our life so we can know His plans for our lives, achieve victory and He gets the glory.

INTRODUCTION:

The Church today, the Bride of Christ in this country, is suffering a great need.

This need can only be met if we take the time to dive into the word and allow it to diagnose our spiritual problems.

After that, we have to apply the prescription of the Word to turn our lives around and begin moving in the right direction.

After all, what do we know about medicine, if it remains in the bottle, it can't help us?

If the truth we need remains in the Book, and not in our lives, we will remain vulnerable to the flesh of the old man, the attacks of this world and the whims of the powers of darkness.

What we need is the Wisdom of God to be manifest in our lives.

However, barriers to Wisdom are out there.

The origin of these barriers is less important than the fact that they exist.

They can be of our own creation.

They can be produced by well-meaning friends or family members, the world, the devil, that really doesn't matter.

The Wisdom of God will break down these barriers.

The Word and Wisdom of God changes everything.

You know this old adage?

Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day, teach him to fish and he can eat for a lifetime.

It's way past the time of teaching God's people how to patch-work the problems they face in life.

Many people face constant financial needs and constantly need prayer to get past one financial hurdle after another.

The fact is that we are missing a very important truth, and that is that we are asking God for the wrong things.

Can my need really be met with money alone or do I need Godly Wisdom to keep me from being such an easy target for this type of attack over and over, like a broken record?

With our time together today, we are going to complete a foundation check so that we continue to build our lives in a spiritually confident manner.

Having said that, first, let's start by looking at three important words and their definitions.

These words are knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

1. Knowledge is the **acquiring** of facts, or the obtaining of truth.
2. Understanding is the ability to **interpret** these facts or truths.
3. Wisdom is the ability to **apply** them in your own life.

This is important, notice that one has to do with **acquisition**, one has to do with **interpretation**, and one has to do with **application**.

The only other explanation for "understanding," that I can give you is that in its most common use, **understanding for you and me is anointed common sense.**

A person with anointed common sense can accomplish more in life than many people with great worldly educations with no common sense.

Another of the greatest challenges in the Church today is the people of God are trying to live their lives based on information being forwarded to them by people with no anointed common sense.

With this mind, let's look at five things that Wisdom gives to us.

Proverbs 3: 16-17 *Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.*

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

So, what we know from this passage of scripture is that Wisdom provides long life, riches, honor, pleasantness (or pleasure) and peace.

In other words, Godly Wisdom will provide all the things we need for the totality of our lives.

I have heard more than one preacher say that the world provides no pleasure.

That isn't what the bible says.

For a while, adultery provides pleasure, drugs and alcohol provides pleasure.

The bible says that sin provides pleasure, "for a season."

When the season is up, the pleasure is over.

The bible tells me that the holy form of pleasure provided by God lasts forever.

This is the problem some people face when challenged about whether to allow Jesus Christ to be become their Lord and Savior.

They are afraid that they are not going to get to do what they want to do anymore.

I disagree.



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I believe that when you truly give your heart and life to Christ you can do anything you want to do, only your want to's are going to change drastically.

I know that I get to do everything I want to do.

I get to preach.

I get to go to church.

I get to do everything I want to do.

Some would say, yeah, but when you get saved everything becomes boring and tedious.

Are you kidding me?

I am busier than one armed paper hanger in a high wind.

I am busier having more fun at this point in my life than ever before.

If people want to know what to do, then just follow us, and you will see.

Christians aren't duds.

This is an adventure in faith.

We are having to pick and choose and prioritize what to do because there is so much to do.

If you want to get high, get high with Holy Spirit.

That will fix what ails you.

When you come down you got no hangover.

Listen again, the world has pleasure but nothing to compare with pleasure of the Kingdom of God.



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So, say this with me again, Godly Wisdom provides long life, riches and honor, pleasure and peace.

Or, better yet, Wisdom provides your total needs for your total life.

You know, the world does not like this kind of preaching.

However, I am not preaching to the world today.

So, I say again that we are foundation checking, so let's get on with it.

Proverbs 1: 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

In ***Psalm 14: 1*** and in ***Psalm 53: 1*** it says that ***The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."***

Notice this, according to this passage a man does not have to stand out on a street corner, shake his fist and shout there is no God to be a foolish atheist.

I submit to you that this foolish person can go to church, claim to be a Christian but live their lives like there is no God and still be a fool.

Atheism isn't getting on TV and saying there is no God.

Atheism in its practical aspect is simply living as if there is no God.

It is more practical for people in the church today to live in stubbornness than it is to take God at His Word and stop living lives that look eerily like the lives of the unsaved.

This is because many sins proclaimed so in the Word of God have become socially acceptable, even in the Church.

In the old King James Version, let me say, this ought not to be so.



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Okay, I have meddled enough, for now, so, the bible teaches us that there are two kinds of Wisdom.

James 3: 13-18 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Genesis 3: 1-6 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"



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4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

1 John 2: 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

Luke 4: 1-13 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

*4 And Jesus answered him, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'**"*

5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,

6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

8 And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

*"You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve."*

9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

10 for it is written,

*"He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,'*

*11 and "On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."*

12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This passage of scripture begs a question to which we most likely will never have an answer, at least not in this lifetime.

What would have happened if Adam had run straight to God and asked Him what to do about the choice that his wife, Eve had made?

Not only did Adam fail to seek Godly Wisdom about what had gone wrong, but he attempted to hide from God.

I can only conclude that all prayerlessness in its common form is a form of hiding.

Remember that Eve was deceived but Adam made a choice to sin.

From that day forward, sin has always been a choice and that has not changed.

Please do not tell me that as a child of God, you sin for the soul reason that you can't help yourself because I will have to break the news to you that this is a lie from the lips of the devil.

Sin is an act of our will.

I do not talk to you about these things because I want you to feel bad.

I talk to you about these things because these are the things that God talks to me about because He wants me and you to go to heaven.

Listen carefully, our lives are made up by the things we think, and the choices we make and the words coming out of our mouths.

If you want to change your life, change the way you think and the words you speak.

If you think and say that you can't do that, then I regret to inform you that you are most likely correct.

This is the economy of God, or better known as Godly Wisdom.

How smart is God?

What other scriptural references are there that apply to this situation and what can I learn from it?

I'm so glad you asked!

Let's revisit the problem back in *Genesis 3:6* ***So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.***

The big problem here in this verse is humanism.

In the humanist platform, man is basically good and can be made better through education alone.

The bible says man is basically sinful and needs to be transformed to become righteous in the sight of God.

Because only in God's righteousness can man have good.

So in our old natures we are not good.

We are sinners.

In our new nature, we are good because we are righteous.

When Eve saw the tree was good for food, but it was seen by Eve as human good or natural good or through the eyes of human wisdom, not divine wisdom.

When she partook of it, what she thought was good was a denial of God's right of possession, and disobedience to His commandments and turned out to be the death of her and was not good for her and was brought by evil.

The problem lies in the fact that we quote *II Corinthians 5:17* ***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.***

One of the things that religion does is it attempts to allow the sinner to patch up his sinful life.



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The bible tells us you can't put a patch on an old wine skin.

You have to have new wine skins.

This is why you cannot patch up your sinful nature with moral kinds of conduct and respectability and other religious types of rituals to be able to get to heaven.

Because the basic nature is still there.

Another thing is that when Christians are born again, they are not patched up sinners, they are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

In closing, let me leave you with this thought, and we will pick up here next week.

All of us at one time or another have asked God to forgive us of some very bad things, have we not?

Often times, we have more trouble forgiving ourselves than God does.

I submit to you that if God has forgiven you for Christ's sake and you will not forgive yourself for Christ's sake, you are setting yourself up to be greater than God and that is very unwise.

That's worldly wisdom therefore it is evil.

This makes people feel like a patched-up Christian, and there is no such thing as a patched up Christian.

God does not patch up old wine skins, He makes all things new.

It's His righteousness not ours.

Isaiah 55: 6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;



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let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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