

THE WISDOM OF GOD
(Proverbs 3:13-26; 4:1-13)

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Everybody is gifted with some level of wisdom, whether they believe in God or not. Wisdom in a broad sense is a person's ability to act wisely. It relates to cleverness and shrewdness. Wisdom can also mean the use of skill and intelligence.

However, above all the "wisdom of God" is a spiritual kind of wisdom which a person can only attain because they have surrendered their life to God. The perfect example of this is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Therefore, He is described as the **wisdom of God**. (Luke 1:17; 2:40, 52; Mark 6:1-2; 1Corinthians 1:18-30)

Accordingly, to have Godly wisdom is to be Christ-like; to live a life that is completely surrendered unto God.

Examples in the Bible

Bezaleel and Aholiab, and others have skill and intelligence. (Exodus 28:3; 31:3; 35:35; Daniel 1:4)

Joseph, David and Daniel, and many others act wisely. (Genesis 39:7-12; 1Samuel 18:5; Daniel 1:8-21; 2:14-23)

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Gideon, Jehu and many others act shrewdly. (Genesis 12:14-20; 20:1-8; 26:1-14; 30:25-43; 31:1-22; Judges 6:22-28; 2Kings 10:18-28)

What we need to know further about Wisdom

We are required to ask for this gift and to increase in it daily. We need to pray regularly for wisdom, especially, when we need to make tough decisions, or face difficult situations. (Luke 21:15; Ephesians 1:6-8, 15-17; Colossians 1:9, 27-28; 2:1-3; James 1:15)

We need wisdom in order to be effective in our Christian witness, and in order to understand the will of God for our life, especially as there will be occasions when negative things happen to us in spite of our prayers. (Acts 6:3, 10; 7:10, 22; 1Corinthians 2:6-7; 12:7-8; Colossians 3:16; 4:5; James 3:13-17)

God will grant us wisdom, especially, if we persevere in prayer and genuinely open our heart to Him in readiness for His will for our life. When we allow God to be God in our life, we can hear Him speak to us, and we can know that our footsteps are being ordered by Him. Genuine submission to God implies that we accept that His choices may not necessarily be wise in our own eyes, His ways may be foolish and contrary to our rational expectations. However, if we genuinely accept that God knows best we will certainly act in wisdom when we face tough situations in our life. (Proverbs 16:9; 20:24; Isaiah 29:15-16; 45:9-10; 55:6-13; Romans 11:33; Revelation 5:12; 7:12)