The Mind of God - The Path to Understanding

A Biblical Journey from the Fear of the Lord and Obedience to His Commandments into the Opened Mind of the Holy Spirit

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Chapter 1: The Universal Hunger and the Heavenly Call

Why Humanity Searches for Answers and Where True Wisdom Begins

Every human being wakes up in a world full of questions. From childhood into old age, we spend our days trying to figure out how life works, why sorrow enters our homes, how to make right choices, and what happens after our brief span of years comes to an end. We build libraries, fill universities with scholars, and gather endless data on our screens, yet peace of mind and true clarity remain stubbornly out of reach for most people. The Bible explains why. Human cleverness can measure the distance to the stars and split the smallest atom, but natural human intellect cannot reach up into heaven to grasp the mind of the Creator on its own.

Long ago, Job asked the question that still echoes across every generation. Where do you go to find real wisdom, and where is the actual dwelling place of understanding? Job looked at miners digging deep into the dark earth for silver, gold, and precious sapphires, and he realized that wisdom cannot be unearthed with a pickaxe or bought with a bag of coins.

> *"But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof."* — **Job 28:12-15 (KJV)**

God did not leave us in the dark, however. Throughout the pages of Scripture, the Almighty calls out to everyday people—not just scholars or rulers—and urges us to seek wisdom and understanding as the highest treasure of life. In the Book of Proverbs, wisdom is pictured like a voice calling in the busy streets and marketplaces, pleading with passersby to stop rushing after empty things and listen.

> *"Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."* **— Proverbs 1:20-23 (KJV)**

Notice that remarkable promise right at the beginning of Proverbs: when we turn at God's correction, He promises to pour out His Spirit upon us and make known His words to us. Seeking wisdom is not a cold, academic exercise. It is a living relationship with the God who made our minds. King Solomon, who could have asked God for long life, vast wealth, or victory over all his enemies, asked instead for an understanding heart—and God was so pleased with that request that He gave Solomon wisdom beyond anyone before or after him.

> *"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing."* **— 1 Kings 3:9-10 (KJV)**

Later, Solomon wrote down the lessons God taught him so that ordinary readers like us could walk the exact same road. He told us that wisdom is the principal thing—meaning the first, foremost, and most essential foundation of a meaningful life—and that we must pursue understanding with everything we have.

> *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee."* **— Proverbs 4:7-9 (KJV)**

Yet how does a regular person actually get this wisdom? You cannot earn a degree in it, and you cannot stumble upon it by accident. The Bible lays out a clear, unmistakable three-step path. First comes the fear of the Lord, which is the starting gate of wisdom. Second comes keeping His commandments, which produces a good understanding through faithful practice. Third comes receiving the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, who opens our minds to comprehend the deep things of God. Let us walk through each step of this path carefully.

Chapter 2: Step One — The Fear of the Lord Is the Beginning of Wisdom

Standing in Awe of the Creator Before Taking a Single Step Forward

Every journey has a starting line. If you start on the wrong road, no amount of speed will ever bring you to the right destination. When the Bible reveals how to gain the mind of God, it sets the starting line in one exact spot: the fear of the Lord.

> *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."* **— Psalm 111:10 (KJV)**

Solomon repeated this same foundational truth in the Book of Proverbs, calling it both the beginning of knowledge and the beginning of wisdom.

> *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* **— Proverbs 1:7 (KJV)**
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> *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."* **— Proverbs 9:10 (KJV)**

At first glance, modern readers sometimes stumble over the phrase 'the fear of the Lord.' Does God want His children to cower in terror like slaves under a cruel master? Not at all. In the language of Scripture, the fear of the Lord is a deep, trembling awe, reverence, and respect for who God truly is. It is the realization that God is the infinite, holy, all-powerful Creator of heaven and earth, and we are fragile creatures made from dust who owe Him every breath we take.

Think about standing at the edge of the Grand Canyon during a thunderstorm, or looking up at billions of galaxies on a pitch-black night. You feel small, humbled, and breathless before a majesty far greater than yourself. Now multiply that feeling infinitely, and direct it toward the living God who spoke those stars into existence. That is the beginning of the fear of the Lord. Until a person realizes that God is God—and that we are not—no real wisdom can enter the heart.

Why is pride the greatest enemy of wisdom? Because pride whispers that we already know enough, that we can decide right and wrong for ourselves, and that we do not need to answer to anyone higher. Pride shuts the door of the mind. Humility and godly fear swing that door wide open. As the Scripture warns us, the proud fall into shame, while the humble receive wisdom.

> *"When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom."* **— Proverbs 11:2 (KJV)**

> *"The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."* — **Proverbs 15:33 (KJV)**

Moreover, the Bible defines the fear of the Lord in very practical terms. It is not merely a warm religious feeling ; it is a decisive turning away from evil. When you truly reverence God, you hate what destroys your soul and dishonors your Maker.

> *"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."* — **Proverbs 8:13 (KJV)**
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> *"And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."* — **Job 28:28 (KJV)**

Look at how clear Job 28:28 makes this truth: departing from evil is understanding. You cannot hold onto sin with one hand while reaching for God's wisdom with the other. When a person humbles themselves before the Creator, turns away from wickedness, and treats God's Word with deep reverence, God Himself steps in to share His secrets with them.

> *"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant."* — **Psalm 25:14 (KJV)**

Imagine that: the Creator of the universe has secrets—deep truths about His plans, His character, and His covenant—and He willingly shares them with those who fear Him. That is why the fear of the Lord is called the beginning of wisdom. It places our feet on solid rock and prepares our hearts for the second step on the path.

Chapter 3: Step Two — A Good Understanding Have All They That Do His Commandments

Why Obedience Unlocks Spiritual Insight That Study Alone Can Never Reach

Look again at the second half of Psalm 111:10. The verse does not stop at the fear of the Lord. It immediately connects reverence for God with active obedience to His commandments:

> *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."* — **Psalm 111:10 (KJV)**

Read those words carefully: 'a good understanding have all they that do his commandments.' Notice it does not say, 'a good understanding have all they that memorize his commandments,' or 'a good understanding have all they that debate his commandments.' It says those who DO His commandments possess a good understanding! This reveals one of the greatest spiritual laws in the entire Bible: in God's kingdom, obedience comes before full comprehension.

In everyday life, we usually want to understand everything before we agree to do it. We want a complete explanation, a guarantee of how things will turn out, and answers to every question before we take action. God works the exact opposite way. God gives us His commandments—His instructions for loving Him and loving our neighbor—and tells us to walk in them. As we obey, our eyes open, and we begin to see why His ways are so wise, protective, and life-giving.

King David discovered this firsthand. In Psalm 119—the longest chapter in the Bible, entirely devoted to the beauty and power of God's Word—David testified that keeping God's precepts gave him greater understanding than his teachers and even more insight than the elders around him.

> *"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts."* — **Psalm 119:97-100 (KJV)**

Why did David understand more than older, more educated people? Verse 100 gives the exact reason: 'because I keep thy precepts.' When you put God's commands into practice—when you forgive someone who hurt you, tell the truth when a lie would be easier, keep the Sabbath rest, honor your parents, stay faithful in marriage, and give generously to the poor—you experience the living reality of God's wisdom in action. You see how God's law protects families, heals broken relationships, guards the heart from bitterness, and brings peace to the conscience.

Conversely, when people refuse to obey God's commandments, their minds grow dull and darkened. Sin acts like spiritual cataracts over the eyes of the soul. If someone refuses to do what God has already shown them to do, why would God reveal deeper mysteries to them? James warns us not to deceive ourselves by merely hearing God's Word without doing it.

> *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."* — **James 1:22-25 (KJV)**

Jesus Christ Himself confirmed this exact principle during His earthly ministry. When the religious leaders marveled at His teaching and wondered where He got His learning, Jesus explained that anyone who is willing to do God's will will recognize the truth of God's doctrine.

> *"Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."* **— John 7:16-17 (KJV)**

Look at that promise from the lips of our Savior: 'If any man will do his will, he shall know.' Willingness to obey is the key that unlocks knowing! Throughout the Old Testament, God pleaded with Israel to keep His statutes not as a heavy burden, but because His commandments were their very wisdom and understanding in the sight of the whole world.

> *"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."* **— Deuteronomy 4:6 (KJV)**

David also understood that God's Word is a lamp that shines one step at a time. When we obey the light we have right in front of us, God gives us more light for the next step.

> *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* **— Psalm 119:105 (KJV)**
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> *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* **— Psalm 119:130 (KJV)**

Even the 'simple'—ordinary, everyday people without fancy titles or advanced schooling—receive genuine understanding when God's words enter their hearts and guide their daily actions. Yet as vital as the fear of the Lord and keeping His commandments are, the Bible shows us there is still a third, glorious step that takes us beyond human effort into the very mind of God Himself.

Chapter 4: The Wall That Human Minds Cannot Climb Alone

Why Even Sincere Seekers Need a Supernatural Opening of the Mind

Suppose a person genuinely fears God and strives with all their might to keep His commandments. Can that person, by natural brainpower alone, fully grasp the spiritual depths of Scripture and the eternal plan of God? The Bible gives a clear and honest answer: No. There is a ceiling over the natural human mind that no amount of human study can break through on its own.

Consider the disciples of Jesus Christ. For three and a half years, they walked beside the Son of God. They heard His parables firsthand, watched Him heal the blind and raise the dead, and ate meals with Him every day. They feared God, and they loved Jesus. Yet over and over again, the Gospels tell us that their minds were still closed to the full meaning of the Scriptures!

When Jesus told them plainly that He would be betrayed, crucified, and raised from the dead on the third day, the words bounced right off their understanding.

> *"And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken."* **— Luke 18:34 (KJV)**

Even after Jesus rose from the dead and walked along the road to Emmaus with two of His followers, their hearts burned within them as He talked, yet they did not recognize Him or grasp how all the Old Testament prophecies pointed directly to His suffering and glory. Jesus gently rebuked them for being slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken.

> *"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."* **— Luke 24:25-27 (KJV)**

Why couldn't those disciples grasp it earlier? Because spiritual truth cannot be absorbed the same way you memorize multiplication tables or historical dates. God's thoughts operate on an infinitely higher plane than human thoughts.

> *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."* **— Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)**

The Apostle Paul explained this spiritual barrier with crystal clarity in his first letter to the Corinthians. Paul pointed out that just as no stranger can know what is going on inside your private thoughts except your own human spirit within you, nobody can know the deep thoughts of God except the Spirit of God!

> *"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."* **— 1 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV)**

Paul went even further. He stated plainly that a 'natural man'—a person relying solely on human intellect, physical senses, and worldly education without the Holy Spirit—cannot receive the things of God's Spirit. To the natural mind, spiritual truths seem like nonsense or foolishness, because they can only be discerned spiritually.

> *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* **— 1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)**

Think of it like a radio broadcast filling the air all around your house. Music and news are traveling through the room right now, completely invisible and silent. If you do not have a receiver tuned to the right frequency, you hear nothing at all. In the same way, God's

wisdom fills the pages of the Bible, but without the Holy Spirit inside us acting as a spiritual receiver, the deepest meanings remain locked away.

Chapter 5: Step Three — Christ Opens the Mind Through the Holy Spirit

The Turning Point Where Scripture Comes Alive and Truth Becomes Clear

Here is where the entire path comes together in breathtaking beauty. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His gathered disciples in Jerusalem. They had feared the Lord. They had striven to keep His commandments. Now, Jesus performed a direct, supernatural act upon their minds—and He promised to send the Holy Spirit to dwell inside them permanently.

> *"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,"* **— Luke 24:44-45 (KJV)**

Pause and soak in verse 45: 'Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.' Suddenly, every prophecy in Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms clicked into place like pieces of a grand puzzle! Things that had confused them for years became radiant and obvious. And how does Christ continue to open the understanding of believers across every generation since that day? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Before going to the cross, Jesus comforted His disciples with the promise that He would not leave them alone as spiritual orphans. He promised to send them the Comforter—the Spirit of truth—who would live inside them, teach them all things, and guide them into all truth.

> *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."* **— John 14:16-17 (KJV)**
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> *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."* **— John 14:26 (KJV)**

Jesus explained further that the Holy Spirit does not speak on His own authority, but takes the truth of Christ and the Father and reveals it directly to our minds, even showing us things to come.

> *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."* **— John 16:13-14 (KJV)**

Look at how all three steps of our path lock together seamlessly! On the Day of Pentecost, when Peter preached to thousands of people who were cut to the heart and asked what they must do, Peter pointed them straight to repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit.

> *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* **— Acts 2:38 (KJV)**

And shortly afterward, before the religious council in Jerusalem, Peter declared a vital connection between obedience and receiving the Holy Spirit: God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him!

> *"And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him."* **— Acts 5:32 (KJV)**

Do you see the harmony of the entire Bible? Let us trace the unbroken chain:
1. The fear of the Lord humbles our pride and turns us away from evil, marking the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10; Job 28:28).
2. Keeping God's commandments gives us a good understanding and proves our willingness to do His will (Psalm 111:10; John 7:17).
3. As we repent and obey Christ, God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32).
4. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ opens our understanding so we can truly comprehend the Scriptures and possess the very mind of God (Luke 24:45; John 14:26).

As Elihu declared in the Book of Job long ago, human age or status alone does not make a person wise; it is the Spirit of the Almighty breathing into a person that gives true understanding.

> *"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."* **— Job 32:8 (KJV)**

Chapter 6: Having the Mind of Christ — What Happens Inside an Opened Mind

How the Holy Spirit Transforms the Way We Think, Discern, and Live

When the Holy Spirit enters a believer and opens their understanding, what actually changes? The Bible uses an astonishing phrase to describe this transformation: we receive 'the mind of Christ.' Look at what Paul wrote immediately after explaining that the natural man cannot understand spiritual things:

> *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we*

> *speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."* **— 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (KJV)**
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> *"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."* **— 1 Corinthians 2:16 (KJV)**

Think about the magnitude of that statement. We do not have to guess what God values, how God views sin and righteousness, or what God is doing in history. Through the Holy Spirit, God shares the very attitude, perspective, and wisdom of Jesus Christ with His people! Let us examine five life-changing ways an opened mind operates.

1. The Bible Becomes a Living Book Instead of Dead Ink

Before the Holy Spirit opens our understanding, reading the Bible can feel dry, confusing, or full of disconnected stories. Once the Spirit illuminates our minds, Scripture comes alive. We begin to 'compare spiritual things with spiritual'—seeing how Genesis connects to Revelation, how the sacrifices of the Old Testament point to the Lamb of God, and how every promise applies directly to our daily walk. The Apostle John assured believers that the anointing of the Holy Spirit teaches us truth and protects us from deception.

> *"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."* **— 1 John 2:27 (KJV)**

And at the end of his first letter, John summarized the entire work of Christ opening our understanding so that we may know the true God:

> *"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."* **— 1 John 5:20 (KJV)**

2. God's Commandments Are Written Inside Our Hearts

Under the Old Covenant, God's commandments were engraved on cold tablets of stone outside of human beings. People knew what the law said, yet their hearts struggled to obey it. Under the New Covenant, through the Holy Spirit, God fulfills His glorious promise to write His laws directly into our minds and hearts! Obedience ceases to be a reluctant chore and becomes our inner desire.

> *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"* **— Hebrews 8:10 (KJV)**

When God writes His law in your mind, you do not just avoid breaking rules out of fear of punishment—you begin to think the way God thinks. You love righteousness and hate iniquity just as Jesus does.

3. Our Minds Are Renewed to Prove God's Good and Perfect Will

Every day, the surrounding world tries to squeeze us into its mold—shaping how we view money, success, anger, entertainment, and relationships. When the Holy Spirit opens our minds, a daily renewal begins from the inside out. Paul urged believers not to copy the patterns of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds.

> *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* **— Romans 12:2 (KJV)**

Notice the result of a renewed mind: you are able to 'prove'—to discern, test, and recognize—what God's good, acceptable, and perfect will is in real-life situations. When a difficult decision arises at work, in your family, or in your personal life, an opened mind sees beyond short-term appearances to eternal consequences.

4. Spiritual Discernment Between Good and Evil

We live in an age where falsehood often disguises itself as truth, and harmful choices are packaged as harmless fun. Without spiritual understanding, people easily fall into traps. The Book of Hebrews explains that mature believers, through regular use of God's Word and the Spirit, train their spiritual senses to tell the difference between good and evil.

> *"For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."* **— Hebrews 5:13-14 (KJV)**

5. Peace, Humility, and Purity of Wisdom

How can you tell whether someone truly possesses wisdom from God's Spirit rather than mere earthly cleverness? James gives us a crystal-clear checklist. Earthly wisdom produces envy, strife, pride, and confusion. The wisdom that comes down from above through the Holy Spirit produces unmistakable spiritual fruit in a person's character.

> *"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."* **— James 3:13-17 (KJV)**

True spiritual understanding never makes a person arrogant, harsh, or quarrelsome. Because it begins with the fear of the Lord and grows through obedience and the Spirit of Christ, it always clothes the believer in humility, gentleness, mercy, and peace.

Chapter 7: Walking the Path Every Day — Practical Steps to Grow in Understanding

How to Keep Your Mind Open, Sharp, and Tuned to the Voice of God

Receiving the Holy Spirit and having our minds opened is not a one-time event where we stop learning. Rather, it is the beginning of a lifelong adventure of growing deeper into the mind of God. Even the Apostle Paul prayed fervently for faithful Christians who already had the Holy Spirit, asking God to grant them even greater spiritual wisdom and illumination.

> *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,"* **— Ephesians 1:17-18 (KJV)**

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul prayed that same prayer—asking that believers be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding so they could walk worthy of the Lord.

> *"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"* — **Colossians 1:9-10 (KJV)**

How can you and I cooperate with the Holy Spirit every single day so that the eyes of our understanding stay wide open and continue to grow? The Bible gives us five practical, everyday habits:

1. Ask God Boldly in Faith for Wisdom

God loves to give wisdom to His children. He never scolds us for admitting we do not know what to do. In fact, James promises that if any of us lacks wisdom, all we need to do is ask our generous Heavenly Father in faith, and He will give it freely.

> *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."* — **James 1:5-6 (KJV)**

2. Search the Scriptures Daily Like Hidden Treasure

The Holy Spirit uses the written Word of God as His primary tool to teach and guide us. If we rarely open our Bibles, we starve the very instrument the Spirit uses to speak to our

minds. Solomon compared seeking wisdom to digging earnestly for hidden silver and buried treasure.

> *"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."* **— Proverbs 2:1-6 (KJV)**

Look at the progression in Proverbs 2:1-6: receive God's words, treasure His commandments, cry out for understanding, search for it diligently—and the result is guaranteed: 'Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.'

3. Trust the Lord Instead of Leaning on Your Own Reasoning

Whenever life brings an unexpected storm or a confusing turn, our natural instinct is to panic and rely solely on human figuring. Solomon reminds us to lean wholly on God's wisdom rather than our own limited view.

> *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."* **— Proverbs 3:5-7 (KJV)**

4. Keep Practicing Obedience Immediately

Understanding grows through use. Whenever the Holy Spirit brings a verse to your mind or convicts your conscience about an attitude, a word, or an action, respond right away. Do not quench or grieve the Spirit by ignoring what you already know to be right. Every act of faithful obedience clears away more fog and deepens your spiritual sight.

> *"Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."* **— Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)**
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> *"Quench not the Spirit."* **— 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV)**

5. Fill Your Mind with What Is True, Pure, and Lovely

Finally, guard the doorway of your thoughts. What we feed our minds shapes our spiritual alertness. Paul instructs us to intentionally fix our thoughts on things that align with God's character, promising that the God of peace will be with us.

> *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are*

> *lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."* — **Philippians 4:8 (KJV)**

Conclusion: Stepping into the Light of Eternal Understanding

The Ultimate Destination of the Path

The search for wisdom does not have to end in frustration or confusion. God has laid out a clear, reliable path from earth to heaven, open to every humble heart that desires to know Him. It begins when we bow in awe and reverence before our Creator—for 'the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom' (Psalm 111:10). It deepens as we walk daily in faithful obedience to His Word—for 'a good understanding have all they that do his commandments' (Psalm 111:10). And it reaches its glorious fulfillment when we turn to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith, receive the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit, and experience the Savior opening our minds to understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45; John 14:26).

Right now, we see through a glass darkly, catching glimpses of God's majesty as the Spirit illuminates His Word. Yet a day is coming when every shadow will vanish, every question will be answered, and we shall know God fully even as we are known.

> *"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."* — **1 Corinthians 13:12 (KJV)**

Until that glorious day arrives, walk steadily along the path He has marked out. Fear the Lord, keep His commandments, treasure His Word, and yield your mind daily to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. As you do, the promise of Scripture will shine brightly over your life:

> *"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward."* — **Isaiah 58:8 (KJV)**
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> *"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."* — **Daniel 12:3 (KJV)**