



Gathering at 502 Pike Street, Superior MT

TITLE: BIBLICAL LIFE WORDS: Living By God's Word: -Wisdom
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Welcome To or Back To ...

"Biblical Life Words: Living by God's Word"

Sermon Series--Biblical Life Words: Living by God's Word

Series Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Biblical Life Word for the Week: **WISDOM**

Opening Questions

1. What is **WISDOM**?
2. What does the Bible say about **WISDOM**?
3. If (when) I need **WISDOM**, where do I get it?
4. Are you a **Wise** person?

It would be wise for us to get a definition for **WISDOM**:

We're looking at **WISDOM** from two basic views: *Worldly Wisdom* and *Godly (Spiritual) Wisdom*.

Worldly Wisdom is just that; It's from, for, in, of, and by the world. It can be acquired and learned from the world by taking worldly knowledge for worldly ends; yet it has no spiritual or eternal value.

Godly (Spiritual) Wisdom comes from God alone and can be requested by every child of God to be used to influence and affect every area of the believer's life spiritually. God, the Father, enjoys disbursing His wisdom to aid His children in the living of a truly righteous and holy life. Such Godly Wisdom has spiritual and eternal value!

I. LOOK AT THE WORD: **WISDOM**

Look at **WISDOM** by Looking at Biblical References: So, Let's Meet God, together, in His Word!"

Exodus 28:3: And thou (Moses) shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I (God) have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office.

Exodus 36:2: And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

Deuteronomy 34:9: And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

1 Kings 4:29: And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

1 Kings 4:30: And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

Psalms 37:30: The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Psalms 51:6: Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

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

Psalms 104:24: O LORD, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

Psalms 111:10: 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.

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

Proverbs 2:6-7: 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler (shield) to them that walk uprightly.

Proverbs 3:13: Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 4:7: Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 16:16: How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Ecclesiastes 7:25: I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness...

Isaiah 11:2: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him (The Messiah), the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD...

Jeremiah 9:23: Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches...

Daniel 1:17: As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Matthew 13:54: And when He was come into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Luke 2:52: And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 21: 14-15: ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: ¹⁵ For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Acts 6:3: Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

1 Corinthians 1:19-20: 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 Corinthians 2:4-5: 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:13: Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Ephesians 1:16-17: ¹⁶ Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ 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...

Ephesians 1:18: ¹⁸ 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...

Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Revelation 5:12: Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

II. LEARN FROM THE WORD: WISDOM

Learning Note 1: SELECT One Passage of Scripture on which to focus.

James 1:2-5:

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. ⁵ 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.

Learning Note 2: STUDY

Study Point #1: The teaching about WISDOM, here in **James chapter 1**, must be seen in the context of Christian living, which will always include such things as temptations, trials, troubles, and testing.

The joy spoken of here, considering these not so wonderful trials, is not in the trials, but in the presence of such testing, comes the joyful possibility of spiritual growth and maturity; the potential of spiritual positives can even arise out of worldly negatives!

Unfortunately, many believers fail in the face of these trials and become bitter, not better. There's no way to escape God's school of spiritual maturity, but one can awaken to the fact that to face such trials, one must recognize their need for help and that help is available.

Study Point #2: Facing marital problems, financial struggles, relationship battles, work worries, or even health hazards can leave any spiritual child of God self-absorbed, defeated, discouraged and at the end of "*the old proverbial rope*". What do you do? Where do you turn to for help; is there any help? How does one survive such attacks in epic proportions?

Study Point #3: While it may take some people longer than others, when you come to realize, that even though you may think that you're God's greatest gift to mankind, you will come to face life that is completely beyond your ability to endure; you come to realize that you can't endure and you need help. You need God's help; maybe you and I need to review ***Phil. 4:13, 19*** and what God says here in ***James 1:5*** about WISDOM!

Phil. 4:13, 19:

¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

You may have come to the reality that you are in fact, "in a pickle" ... whatever that means. You, in all your brilliance and worldly wisdom have concluded that you need wisdom far beyond that! You may have awakened to the fact that the answers you need are not found in your Horoscope, your huntin' buddies' vast knowledge, your quilting ladies keen minds,

Mediums or even your “soaps”: (Days of our Lives or As the World Turns) or even those vast resources known as Facebook and You Tube!

James 1:5 is God’s provision - direction - answer when facing all things difficult! The answer is not to run away, blame others, or wilt in self-pity but to come to the very God who created you, redeemed you, sustains you and will one day come for you; Jesus is the answer ... Jesus is your answer! **Proverbs 3:5-6** Spiritual problems need spiritual answers and there’s only One source ... Resource for those needs! God will gladly help you; just ask! (**Ephesians 6:10-19**)

Learning Note 3: SUMMARIZE

Summary Statement #1: J Vernon McGee writes: “*Wisdom*” here is related to the trials which James has been talking about. You and I have troubles and trials and problems. How are you going to solve this problem? How are you going to meet this issue? How are you going to deal with this person? If you lack wisdom in regard to a problem, you need to go to God in prayer.

Summary Statement #2: Zondervan: God is the ultimate Source of true wisdom, and the one who needs it during time of trial may confidently ask God for it. He upbraideth (criticize) not; He gives liberally (“generously and ungrudgingly,”) and without condemnation.

Summary Statement # 3: Matthew Henry wrote: There is one thing necessary to be observed in our asking, namely, that we do it with a believing, steady mind: **Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, Jas. 1:6**. The promise above is very sure, taking this provision along with us; wisdom shall be given to those who ask it of God, provided they believe that God is able to make the simple wise, and is faithful to make good His word to those who apply to Him. This was the condition Christ insisted on, in treating with those who came to him for healing: Believest thou that I am able to do this? There must be no wavering, no staggering at the promise of God through unbelief...”

III. LIVE OUT THE WORD: WISDOM

Action Step 1: Plan to set forth an updated list of your trials; list every trial by name and bring them to the Lord in prayer, consistently believing on **Phil. 4:6-7, 13** and **19!**

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Action Step 2: Plan to share your list with a trusted partner! **James 5:16**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Action Step 3: Plan to stand on Gal. 2:20 every day as you journey forward with your Lord! Your leave is over ... get back to the front lines ... are others who need help!

CONCLUSION

Matthew 7:21-27

²¹ Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.

²² Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

²⁴ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

²⁶ And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

²⁷ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.