

WISE WORDS are like DEEP WATERS; wisdom flows from the wise like a...

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Ministries

Proverbs 18:4

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Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time...
1 Peter 5:6

BUBBLES

"I have prayed with others and done what I could to spread the Gospel. God has told me not to stop, so He compelled me to ask the others in my pod to share the good Word. We have not stopped. Thank you from all of us that received Bibles. May God bless you."

"We want to thank you so much for the Word! GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME. You are a blessing and will be in our prayers. The Word is amazing and is all that keeps me going in a good way."



Essential Evidence

For, "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

Don't think for a minute that Jesus stopped being God when He came to redeem us. Jesus possessed the essential, unchanging nature of God; he took on the essential unchanging nature of man and held onto neither His privilege as deity nor His own individual authority. He emptied himself, surrendered to becoming a servant, obedient to the will of His Father, and He counseled his followers to be like-minded.

All godly action begins with renewing of the mind, which then enables the display of right actions (Phil 2:5-11). These actions are then fertilized for proper development. One then begins to produce the fruit of the Spirit as evidence, but it sprouts first within one's deepest thoughts. These thoughts then have the potential to become action throughout daily life. But *the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things*

there is no law (Gal 5:22-23). The mind is continually transformed, working harmoniously, and the evidence is obvious and unanticipated.

Our Jesus, who has always existed, our Creator, chose (thought) to become the surrendered creature, to serve as the singular, necessary, rescuing sacrifice. That is a complete example of love stooping down (action). The ultimate act of service with the end result being the free gift of forgiveness. All for us so He could say, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Knowing that life is short, we must be diligent and energetic about the common duties of everyday life. James asked us to consider the fragility of human life, and the fact that we live and move only at the permission of God. James does not discourage us from planning and doing, only from planning and doing apart from total reliance on God. We must check our habits and actions while maintaining our focus of a surrendered disposition.

When we read the Bible or listen to teaching, we might experience wonderful and revealing moments. Sometimes we receive insight about something we have mishandled or neglected,

something that might've made a world of difference as to an outcome. Such moments themselves do not change us, but they should ignite change in our thoughts and actions (James 1:22-25). *And God the Father responded to this humility: For this reason also [because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself], God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess and openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord [sovereign God], to the glory of God the Father* (Phil 2:9-11). God's Word reveals our innermost parts—what we look like on the inside, what our hearts are reflecting, what areas of hiddenness need to be brought into the light—and it is seeing and accepting that image which should produce the desire for action, corrective or otherwise. Blessing does not come from what we hear, what we believe, or what we pray. We are blessed by and through what we do. It follows doing. Making even a small change results in the manifestation of that which our Heavenly Father greatly

desires to give: immense blessing.

The mindset of Christ and seeing it exhibited and encouraged to grow in the Believer is the central point of Paul's passage. And it is the seat of, and motivation for, the expression of true humility. We are to imitate Jesus by humbling ourselves and serving others. So, what does humility look like? Humility is not thinking badly about yourself; in fact, it is not thinking of yourself at all. Humility is the willingness to give up your will for another's good.

Memorizing God's word does not release the power, but doing so does make the power accessible whenever we need it. Meditation is the missing link for most people. *And He said to them, be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear (Mark 4:24).* Even as you read this article there is great potential for miraculous fruit in your life. It's the amount of meditation on the truth from God's Word. As we think about

what we are reading, it can impact us and make our picture or future different. It paints new pictures in our imagination. It brings hope that makes one strong. Over time, it changes the way we think and the way we talk which produces beautiful evidence for all who watch. This watching will become want and desire to have what you display. Desire then is birthed into a wonderful opportunity for the branch (you) of the Vine (Jesus) to water and feed, producing yet more fruit: kingdom impact.

Is the pain that oftentimes comes with true humility and obedience worth it? Our behaviors, actions, and words illustrate our existence in every moment in every environment we enter. To humble ourselves and be available for service will produce essential evidence in thought, word, and most importantly in our doing. Individually, this grows and aids to mature each acting believer, and assists in keeping a realistically humble self-view. God has revealed true wisdom, and awarded us with Holy Spirit, who opens to us the secrets by which all other means are unsearchable. ☺

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. Romans 12:2

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