

*Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
--- proverbs 4:7*

Two ways to walk in this life

- 1. Wisely*
- 2. Unwisely*

Two types of choices

- 1. Wise*
- 2. Unwisely*

If you choose to walk wisely, here's what you can expect:

- .Contentment*
- .Courage*
- .Confidence*
- .Peace*
- .Progress*
- .Prosperity*

They that walk in wisdom experience God's presence, power, and wonderful, boundless approval.

And if you walk unwisely, you can expect a far different set of outcomes:

- .Conflict*
- .Consternation*
- .Disappointment*
- .Disillusionment*
- .Discontentment*

Five main reasons God desires for us to walk in wisdom:

- 1. Desires for us to become all that He has created us to be.*
- 2. Desires for us to accomplish all of the works that He sets before us to do.*
- 3. Desires us to receive, to experience, and to enjoy all the blessings He desires to pour into our lives.*
- 4. Desires for our lives to bring glory to him.*
- 5. Desires that we avoid all pitfalls associated with foolish living.*

Things folks don't think about:

- 1. Health until they are sick*
- 2. The way they parent until one of their own kids do wrong.*
- 3. Finances until they face retirement without sufficient funds or foreclosure and bankruptcy because their spending has surpassed their income.*
- 4. Don't think about their relationships with others until they find themselves in an unending argument or an impasse of some kind.*

Walking wisely:

- 1. Are you wiser than God your creator?*
- 2. Are you wiser than God, who created all natural resources?*
- 3. Are you wiser than God, who has made your body?*
- 4. Are you wiser than God, who caused you to be born?*
- 5. Are you wiser than God, who has made human nature?*

Four main earthly errors in wisdom:

- 1. Wisdom is limited to the mind of man.*
- 2. Wisdom is based on what can be perceived by five human senses.*
- 3. Wisdom is doing what man collectively defines as rational or provable.*
- 4. Wisdom is doing "whatever" works.*

God's truth about wisdom is one hundred and eighty degrees opposite of these humanly constructed conclusions.

The bible declares, "Get wisdom! Get understanding!" (Proverbs.4:5). The two are not the same. Understanding is based upon the acquisition of knowledge -- it is a filtering, sorting, and defining process. Wisdom, in comparison, is an applying process.

The Holy Spirit gives a "heart sense" to a person so that the person can recognize truth from lies, fact from fiction, right from wrong --- regardless of the words that may be spoken or the alluring images that may be presented.

A person who walks in godly wisdom has a "sense" or intuition provided by the holy spirit. I strongly believe that the person who functions in godly wisdom is able to see beyond what average human beings see ... able to hear what is beyond what average human beings hear ... able to understand beyond what average human beings understand. This ability flows directly from the holy spirit at work in us.

Earthly wisdom based upon the five human senses can often causes confusion.

Earthly wisdom often leads to a skewed perspective, especially if it's based upon the collective perception.

The presence of the holy spirit expands a person's ability to perceive so that a person "sees" life in the context of eternity. The person who walks in godly wisdom does not make decisions based on how things look on the surface at any given time. But God's wisdom does help us walk through times of difficulty, hardship, suffering, and persecution and emerge stronger. If we choose to follow God's wisdom in times of difficulty, we will win every time. Or if we choose to pursue wisdom no matter how dire the situation we face, we will benefit from the persecution, suffering, or hardship. God will use that experience in our lives to refine us, strengthen us, and bring us to wholeness. He will use it to conform us more to the likeness of Christ Jesus. You can count on it (Romans 8:29).

But if you forgot or take God out of your life, the messages of the Bible will not make sense. On the other hand, once you have asked Jesus Christ as your savior, then God's word will make perfect sense.

Benefits

- 1. A gain in one's knowledge of God*
- 2. Clear guidance from God*
- 3. God's divine protection*
- 4. God's strength and power*
- 5. Genuine joy and contentment*
- 6. A good self-image*
- 7. Whole-person prosperity*
- 8. Good health and long life*