

# THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

*A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.*


## WISDOM

*The Hebrew word for "wisdom" = "wis" + "dom" = "the realm of being wise" or 'THE KINGDOM OF WISE'. That sounds funny but it makes sense.*

*I don't think that an unbeliever has the "wisdom" we are talking about here.*

- James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*
- James 3:14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.*
- James 3:15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.*
- James 3:16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*
- James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*

**THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY TWO KINDS OF WISDOM: FROM GOD & FROM THE DEVIL.** *We inherit the "Devil's wisdom" at birth; we are given "God's wisdom" at salvation.*

1. How is "wisdom" seen in a person's life? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Describe the "devil's wisdom (the world's wisdom).  
Bitter \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_-seeking, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ against the truth
  3. The "devil's wisdom" does not come from where? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. "This wisdom does not descend from above, but is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The "Devil's Wisdom"**
5. When a person is consumed with "envy and self-seeking", what else do you see in their lives? C \_\_\_\_\_ and every E \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. Describe God's Wisdom ("the wisdom from above").  
P \_\_\_\_\_, G \_\_\_\_\_, without P \_\_\_\_\_ & H \_\_\_\_\_

*Look at these word meanings:*

### "DEVIL'S WISDOM"



To Satisfy Me

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|--------------------------|---|
| "Envy"                   | = All about my discontent               |
| "Self-seeking"           | = All about me                          |
| "Boasting"               | = All about my self-confidence          |
| "Lies against the truth" | = All about my deception                |
| "Earthly"                | = All about my physical existence       |
| "Sensual"                | = All about my sexual needs & desires   |
| "Demonic"                | = All about the devil's control over me |
| "Confusion"              | = All about my instability              |
| "Evil"                   | = All about complete rottenness         |

**ANYONE WITHOUT JESUS NEEDS HIM DESPERATELY.** (You haven't got a chance!!)

## "GOD'S WISDOM"



To Reach Others

"Pure"

"Peaceable"

"Gentle"

"Without partiality"

"Without hypocrisy"

= All about being mature & clean

= All about showing purpose to others

= All about treating people right

= All about accepting others completely

= All about being vulnerable & honest

### ANYONE WITH JESUS - JOIN ME - "THANK YOU, LORD, FOR CHANGING MY HEART"

7. My heart both grieves for what I have been, and rejoices for God has done.

How do you feel after reading all this? \_\_\_\_\_

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**"Wisdom" = The practical & correct plan to get the desired results for moral & intellectual decisions**

- a. To have "God's wisdom" is to have God living within you.
- b. To have "God's wisdom" is to have God's truth within you.
- c. Those with "God's wisdom" show that wisdom in their lives.
- d. Those with "God's wisdom" work & live smarter, not harder.

**The word "wisdom" used throughout the Bible (for our living) is the same word "wisdom" that God used to create the universe.**

### WHAT KIND OF WISDOM IS GOING TO HELP ME?

1 Corinthians 1:20

*Where are the wise? Where are the teachers & writers? Where are the philosophers? Has not God confirmed, proved, and exposed the foolishness of the world's wisdom?*

1 Corinthians 1:21

*...the world through its own wisdom does not & cannot know God.*

1 Corinthians 2:5

*..that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

2 Corinthians 1:12

*Paul wrote, This is what we confidently declare - that we conduct ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly (world) wisdom, but by God's grace.*

8. Can the wisdom that comes from the philosophers & teachers possible guide my life if it does not come from God's wisdom? Yes No
9. The wisdom of the world makes a point to oppose God. If God is the source of true wisdom, can worldly wisdom possibly help me? Yes No
10. Our Christian faith is based on the power of God. If that is the case, can we possibly allow the world's wisdom to tell us how to live? Yes No
11. Our Christian faith is based on the grace of God. If that is the case, can we possibly allow the world's wisdom to tell us how to live? Yes No

**Aren't you sick of letting the world's dirty rules (wisdom) control the way you behave?**

**1 Corinthians 1:30 ...and you are in Christ (you belong to Him). HE BECAME THE WISDOM OF GOD FOR YOU. "WISDOM IN PERSON" lives within us.**

**SO, GOD'S SON LIVES IN US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS TEACHING US HOW TO USE THE WISDOM FROM GOD.**

Check this out.

"Knowledge" = What is gathered over time through study of the Scriptures.

"Knowledge" = Also what is gathered through life's experiences & training whether you are a believer or not

"Wisdom" is the proper application of knowledge. It decides how to use it.

Examples: Knowledge understands that the traffic light has turned red.

**Wisdom** prompts the person to apply the car brakes.

Knowledge sees the quicksand coming up.

**Wisdom** prompts the person to walk around it.

Knowledge memorizes the Ten Commandments.

**Wisdom** prompts the person to obey them.

Knowledge learns about Who God is.

**Wisdom** prompts the person to love God.

**Fearing the Lord = Wisdom using knowledge to live a life pleasing to God.**

12. What does the book of Proverbs tell **US** to do with wisdom? Match them.

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| a. 3:13  | ___ <u>Know</u> God's wisdom             | Be <u>aware</u> of it consistently        |
| b. 4:7   | ___ <u>Receive</u> God's wisdom          | <u>Accept</u> it willingly                |
| c. 1:3   | ___ <u>Hear</u> God's wisdom             | Be <u>alert</u> to its importance         |
| d. 1:2   | ___ <u>Find</u> God's wisdom             | <u>Hold on</u> to it no matter what       |
| e. 2:2   | ___ <u>Keep</u> God's wisdom             | <u>Guard</u> it from Satanic attack       |
| f. 4:11  | ___ <u>Get</u> God's wisdom              | <u>Own</u> it as your way of doing things |
| g. 5:1   | ___ <u>Learn</u> God's wisdom            | <u>Obey</u> it because it's right         |
| h. 10:13 | ___ <u>Pay attention</u> to God's wisdom | <u>Keep track</u> of the benefits         |
| i. 3:21  | ___ <u>Speak</u> God's wisdom            | <u>Share</u> it as the only way to go     |

13. What does Proverbs say that **GOD** does with our wisdom?

- a. 2:6 "The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom."  
b. 2:7 "He \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sound wisdom for the righteous."

*The missing words here also mean "to cover us over & protect us with His wisdom".*

*Here's the catch - WE CAN CHOOSE TO IGNORE HIS WISDOM.*

**Do you notice that being filled with the wisdom of God is the same in this church age as being filled with the Holy Spirit?**

- a. **We can obey & let God lead us & teach us.**  
b. **We can refuse to obey & not allow God to lead us & teach us.**

**WHEN PAUL SAYS IN EPHESIANS 5:18, "Be not drunk with wine (or any other self-centered way to fix your problems), but be filled & controlled by the Spirit", he was also saying, "Be filled with the "Wisdom of God". (Proverbs 10:21; James 1:5)**

