

Wisdom Is A Gift

Series: Help Is On The Way

1 Corinthians 12:7

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Exodus 35

30 Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom

The Wisdom of Solomon

1 Kings 3:28

When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

Man Made Wisdom

Did you know?

1. What is Wisdom?

Wisdom is not Knowledge

Wisdom is not Smarts

Wisdom is not Arrogant (Dr. House)

Wisdom doesn't wear a robe or a cap and gown

Wisdom doesn't dress in "priestly garments"

6 truths about wisdom from James 13:17

1. (v. 17) "But the wisdom that is from above is first **truly pure**..."
2. Secondly, Real Wisdom is characterized by the **desire to get along with others**.
(v. 17) "... **peaceable**,..."
3. Third, Real Wisdom is living with tender consideration for others. (v. 17) "**gentle**"
4. Fourth, Real Wisdom is **always teachable**. (v. 17) "willing to yield"
5. Fifth, Real Wisdom is a life controlled by **mercy**. (v. 17) "full of mercy and good deeds,"
6. Sixth, Real Wisdom is characterized by **sincerity**. (v. 17) "... without partiality and without hypocrisy."

Wrap up

In the Bible we read that God came to Solomon and told him that he would give him anything he desired. He could have riches, power, prestige, anything he desire (2 Chron. 1:6-7). Solomon's request was that he be given wisdom (2 Chron. 1:8,10) Solomon at the height of his spiritual power wrote, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7). Yet in later life the life that had stood so tall and straight had rotted from within. In his sunset years he ceased to fear God and began to simply depend on his own human wisdom. He was no longer the world's wisest man, he became the world's most knowledgeable fool.

Are you wise? Are you wise according to the world or according to God? Do you employ the world's wisdom or do you follow Godly wisdom? Let's take a few moments right now and ask God to help us with the gift of wisdom.