

Wisdom

Promises that God will give wisdom to the faithful

- James 1:5 – 8
 - Must realize the need for God’s wisdom
 - Must ask without doubting
 - God will not think less of you for the request
- Ephesians 1:7 – 10, 1:15 – 21 God’s grace abounds toward us in that we are given wisdom and understanding of His plan.
- Colossians 1:9 – 12, 3:16 “...filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...”

How do we know we have received wisdom?

- James 3:13 – 17
 - “Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the *meekness* of wisdom.” (Gentleness: gentle, pleasant, mild, calm, and friendly)
 - Envy and self-seeking, resulting in confusion, are from earthly wisdom.
 - Godly wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy (fixing the root cause of problems), and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
- Matthew 11:19 “Wisdom is justified by her works.” (also Luke 7:35)
- 1 Corinthians 1:17 – 2:13
 - Based on actions and evidence, not words.
 - Simplicity and human weakness, not manipulation and polish.
 - He who claims to be wise probably is not. Look for the products of wisdom.
- 2 Corinthians 1:12 Simplicity, sincerity, graciousness.
- Colossians 2:20 – 23 Asceticism has the appearance of wisdom, but is of no value against fleshly indulgence.
- Colossians 3:5 – 6 Redeeming the time, gracious and witty speech, adapting to the audience.