

THE IMPORTANCE OF WISDOM

WISDOM is defined as “the ability to apply relevant knowledge in an insightful way, especially to different situations from that in which the knowledge was gained”.

According to the Scriptures, wisdom, is the in-depth and accurate knowledge of God Almighty and His son Jesus Christ. It is the attitude to life based on the progressive understanding of the word of God. Wisdom is obtained through the spirit of God which enables one to know, by observation, experience, and reflection, the principles of right living.

Wisdom is different from knowledge, which is a body of facts or information and it can puff one up when not properly managed. It balances and gives direction to knowledge.

The Bible shows that it is God Almighty Who gives wisdom. We should pray for the wisdom of God. (James 1:5) King Solomon did so and God gave him much wisdom and understanding. (1 Kings 3:3-15; 2 Chronicles 1:7-12) “For the LORD giveth wisdom; out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.” – Proverbs 2:6.

The wisdom of God is very important. It makes a man’s face to shine. (Ecclesiastes 8:1) It also gives life as King Solomon stated: “For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.” – Ecclesiastes 7:12.

The wisdom of God cannot be gotten for gold, neither is silver weighed for it. (Job 28:15) The Bible says, “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding... Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.” (Proverbs 3:13-18) The Scriptures also state: “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee; and understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things...” – Proverbs 2:10-15.

There is so much to gain if we have the wisdom of God. “How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!” (Proverbs 16:16) Furthermore, King Solomon commanded: “Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.” – Proverbs 4:5-9.

David the Psalmist said: “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether: more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.” (Psalm 19:7-11).

Therefore, the importance of the wisdom of God based on the Bible cannot be overstated.

The wisdom of this world is vanity and foolishness with God. (1 Corinthians 1:19-20) But the wisdom of God acquired from the Holy Bible brings salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, as it is written: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". – 2 Timothy 3:14,15.

Finally, Solomon, the Preacher, admonished us to keep sound wisdom and discretion so that we might live and be blessed; and so that we may not stumble but walk in the way of the Lord safely by His grace. – Proverbs 3:21-23.