Faith and Wisdom are compatible to finishing well

1Tim. 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow** after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 **Fight** the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Faith is the Good Fight, The course of Truth and faith is finishing well.

Wisdom is the fight of the good, the unwise fight but can’t fight good. The wise fight good and finish well.

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a **good conversation his works** with **meekness of wisdom.**

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and **good fruits**, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Prov, 19:8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Pr 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the **well advised is wisdom.**

Dan. 1:4 Children in whom was no blemish, but **well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom**, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

Pr 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

The severity with which God punishes his offending children, is a solemn warning to the wicked of the awful destruction which awaits them.

Ro 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

2Co 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

1Pe 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Isa 3:10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1Cor. 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

Faith is not an uncertainty

even though there are uncertainties to avoid and overcome.

Faith is not a leap in the dark

Faith is not an unknown

Faith is not a guess, what, who, where, how, why, so and when.

Faith is not just an act but acting on what is known from the Lord.

Faith appropriates, a revealed Word from God.

Faith is knowing the outcome by a Word from God before the trial gets started.

* **Faith and Wisdom are not two extremes.**
* Natural belief and natural wisdom is confused with Faith and Spiritual Wisdom.

Many look at faith as the unknown and the unlearned, just going by faith without knowing the outcome

Natural belief

Many look at wisdom as the practical things you know to do.

Natural wisdom

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Psalm 25:12—What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

1. Man must choose the Right Course The Will of God and let God direct His every step.
2. If man has chosen the wrong course it will take the goodness of God to lead Him to repentance.

* **Faith and Wisdom complement each other.**

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls.

Meekness is the right use of power—Wisdom is the right use of Knowledge

Joseph exercised faith that God would lead him in the midst of difficult circumstances,

but more than just believing that God would lead him he did what God told him to do.

He also exercised wisdom by dealing with the famine and his brothers the way he did.

This fine tuned him to protect Egypt from a famine and also preserve God’s chosen people.

We need more than just pay attention to Joseph’s example –of not using the carnal mind to maneuver but To Know God is leading us by His Spirit in a life of faith and wisdom having the mind of Christ to think critically and righteously.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

1Cor. 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

To be cleansed from sin is Faith

To cease from sin is wisdom

1. There are three major parts to one step of faith toward the wisdom and knowledge of God.
   1. The first part to true wisdom is having the fear of God with a humble attitude.

(a humble mind)

* 1. The second part is to show the fear of God with a humble obedience.

(An obedient humble mind)

* 1. The third part is to continually ask God for the wisdom to depart from evil.

James 1:5—*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

**Proverbs 1:7**—*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**Psalm 111:10***—The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*

**Proverbs 9:10***—The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

1Ki 3:9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

Mt 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

God is looking for wisdom as well as righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness..

God is looking for motive and purity of character as well as faith and wisdom.

Prov. 3:7—Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Mat. 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Job 28:12-*But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?*

We need to seek the Wisdom and Knowledge of God not the wisdom and knowledge of self.

Flesh listens to self

Faith listens to God

Faith, Meekness, Wisdom keeps you listening when no one else will.

I Tim.6:11 But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow** after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Pr 11:10 ¶ When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

2Kings 4:26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: