

The Ways of a Wise Man

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.”

James 3:13, NKJ

The fruit of wisdom is humility: *“Then let his life be a shining example of the humility that is born of true wisdom.”* (J.B. Phillips) The fruit of wisdom is displayed in your lifestyle: *“Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here’s what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It’s the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.”* (Message translation) The above saying is worthy of reiteration: *“Live well, live wisely!”* The fruit of wisdom is the wellness in life.

Wisdom is the indispensable asset for a happy and rewarding life on earth. Wisdom is demonstrated not in your talk but walk. The proof of wisdom lies in the works or actions. Wisdom in the simplest essence is the accurate application of right knowledge. Wisdom is always expressed in actions (Prov 8: 14,32). In the presence of wisdom, there is an absence of delayed obedience. Obedience is a true reflection of wisdom (Matt 12:42,50).

Embrace wisdom and you shall reap untold lasting benefits:

- a) Longevity and good health (Prov 3:16; 4:10,22)
- b) Prosperity and abundance (Prov 3:16; 8:18-21)
- c) Promotion and honour (Prov 3:16,35; 4:8,9)
- d) Peace and safety (Prov 3:17,23-26)
- e) Joy and happiness (Prov 3:18; 8:30-31)
- f) Grace and mercy (Prov 3:22,34; 4:9)
- g) Protection and preservation (Prov 2:11-16; 3:23-26; 4:6,8,12-13)
- h) Rhema and revelation (Prov 3:32; 4:10,13; 8:14,33)
- i) Authority and rulership (Prov 8:15-16; 29:2,14)
- j) Godliness and fear of God (Prov 8:6-13; 14:2,16)
- k) Direction and guidance (Prov 1:33; 2:9,20; 3:6; 4:11)
- l) Favour and success (Prov 3:4; 4:6-9; 8:35)

The wisdom of God is practical in nature (Prov 9:1; 10:5; 13:20; 14:1; 24:3). Simply, the ways of divine wisdom can be summarized in one word: "Do". (Ps 111:10; Jn 7:17; James 2:17-26). It is in doing that we learned the most in translating knowledge into understanding. The law of spiritual understanding or wisdom can be expressed in 7 short words: "Whatever He says to you, do it." (Jn 2:5) The disciples through the hands-on practice gained understanding and believed in Him (v.11).

Many believers know a lot about the subject of faith (head knowledge) but the practice of faith is so poorly carried out. Remember, wisdom is found in the doing rather than the knowing. They stumbled in their walk of faith and get easily discouraged because they have information and knowledge but lack experiential revelation. Faith without corresponding actions is a weak faith that crumbles under the weight of the pressures of life. Likewise, many people know about the importance of giving. However in their practice, they proved they know not prosperity. Their measure of giving reveals the poverty of their faith.

It is far better to know one truth and practice it thoroughly with all of their might and heart rather than doing it half-heartedly. Half-hearted response is still disobedience in life. Desperation is not the cure for breakthrough. Walking in the light of the truth undergirded by a renewed mindset produces proper corresponding actions is the right pathway to successful living. What you know and did not do is blind knowledge! What you know and do it half-heartedly is "sick" knowledge! What you know and do it promptly and fully, that is revelation knowledge (James 1:25).

Do you have a strong foundation in the things of God! The true biblical secret to a successful and fruitful life lies in obeying the words of Matt 7:24-28. The winners and overcomers in life are those who are doers of God's word who excel wonderfully in life. Put the word first place in your life and practice the word regularly and that truth shall bring you into great liberation and power in life.