

Obtaining Wisdom

Questions Christians Ask

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Wisdom: occurs 222 times in the bible.

Wise: occurs 237 times

2 Chron. 1:7-12

When God told Solomon, “**Ask what I shall give thee,**” Solomon asked God for “**wisdom and knowledge**” to enable him to lead God’s people.

Because Solomon didn’t ask for selfish things, but instead admitted his need for wisdom and knowledge which would benefit the people he would rule, God granted him his request plus riches, wealth, and honor.

Knowledge or intelligence alone is not sufficient to enable you to make proper judgments. You need wisdom.

Job 11:5-6 You may know a lot of things, but the secrets of wisdom will help you to conclude that you are a sinner and that God is against iniquity.

- There are smart people who can’t see that the things they do are wrong. It requires wisdom to see the right way to live. It takes wisdom to see things God’s way. God must reveal that to you or it remains secret.

Exod. 28:1-3 Everybody needs wisdom; not just church leaders. This first mention of wisdom in the bible shows that people required wisdom to make garments for Aaron and the priesthood.

- God wants all of us to be wise, using wisdom in our day-to-day tasks and duties.

Acts 6:1-3 For the apostles to be able to give themselves to the word of God and to preach and minister the word of God, they needed some other men, full of wisdom, to take care of the other duties in the church.

- Wisdom is an absolute necessity in any capacity of Christian service you may find yourself in.

HOW TO GET WISDOM

1. You must get it from God (Job 28:12-23, Col 2:1-3)

- God knows where you can find wisdom (vs 23). You can’t buy it, you can’t exchange for it, you can’t get true godly wisdom anywhere except from the God who “**knoweth the place thereof**” (vs 23). The fear of the Lord is wisdom (vs 28).
- All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid with God (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost).

2. Fear the Lord (Psalm 111:10)

- We must fear living contrary to the way God tells us to live. Fear going against the ways of God, knowing that it will hurt you if you do.
- Wisdom is knowing that things will be better for you if you obey God, and they’ll be worse for you if you don’t obey God.

3. Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5)

- If you lack wisdom, all you have to do is ask God for it. He won't scold you for asking. He wants you to have wisdom.
- No matter your level of knowledge, God is able to impart wisdom unto you.
- Two people with the same knowledge, but different levels of wisdom, will have very different levels of success. More wisdom will provide better success.

4. Apply your heart to wisdom (Psalm 90:12, Matthew 12:42).

- The Queen of Sheba went to great lengths and great expense to seek the wisdom of Solomon.
- Today, all you have to do is ask God for wisdom, and He provides it freely.
- If you're not wise, it's not because wisdom wasn't available to you. It's because you didn't go after it.

5. Incline your ear to wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-2)

- You need to spend time listening to the word of God. That is how He imparts wisdom to you. Do you give your ear to God's word, or to worldly amusements?

6. Desire wisdom as much as you desire riches (Proverbs 2:3-5)

- We work hard to earn money to buy the things we want.
- What are you willing to do to obtain wisdom?

7. Get wisdom from God's word (Proverbs 4:5-8)

- Wisdom is the principal thing (vs 7). You need it for your business, your family, your marriage, and every other aspect of life.
- Don't neglect spending time in God's word gathering wisdom every day.

8. Wisdom is doing what God told you to do (Deuteronomy 4:1-6)

- Obeying God will make you wise.

9. The Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise unto salvation (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

- Many denominational leaders fail to tell people how to be saved because they don't know the holy scriptures.
 - The holy scriptures can give you absolute certainty that you're going to heaven.
