

Wisdom

First use in the Bible: Exodus 28, verse 3:

"And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office."

Another use in the bible: James 1, verse 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."

INFORMATION

Notice in the very first occurrence of the word that it is God who fills men with the spirit of wisdom. Throughout the Bible, the word wisdom is used to refer to something that is beyond our knowledge and understanding. Men can acquire knowledge through effort, experimentation and through the expenditure of energy and focus. Understanding can be obtained through one's patient study and time. Wisdom, however, is something that only comes from God. Wisdom is not just the application of knowledge and understanding, it is the righteous execution of a fundamental precept of God. God is wise and the creator of all wisdom, and everything he does is guided by wisdom. God can gift men with wisdom even when they do not seek it of him, but we have a promise, that he will provide it to those who seek it.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We should seek wisdom from God, pray often, and diligently seek out his face. God is willing to provide wisdom to us when we ask. Wisdom will not lead us in the wrong direction; rather, it will enable us to be protected from wickedness. What an amazing thought that God, who is higher and greater than us, is not just interested in us and our lives but wants to provide wisdom to us to help us live a full and complete life in him.

Relevant Passages

Proverbs 2:6

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 4:5-9

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

James 3:13-17

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. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 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.

Additional Thoughts

We are truly blessed that the Bible contains an entire book dedicated to teaching wisdom. This is not to say that wisdom is not taught in all 66 books of the Bible, but one book in particular focuses on extolling wisdom. The book of Proverbs should be on everyone's repeat reading list.