

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Wisdom

The Hope for the Hopeless

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James 1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4** And let endurance have [its] perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

But if any lacks wisdom?

- James is not changing topics, he is expounding on his original thought of how we should view our trials and tribulations

What is wisdom:

Wisdom is the practical application of knowledge

- The kingdom is filled with those who know the right thing to do and yet they do not do it
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- They have no joy in serving God because they are always falling short
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- They have no joy in their sin-ing because unlike the world, they are not free to enjoy that which they know is wrong
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- But there is hope for these people – that hope comes in the form of wisdom
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- For wisdom is the practical application of that which we know is the right thing to do

And for those of us who are living right in the eyes of God- Wisdom becomes a source of great power and victoriously all the storms of life:

- James says we are to consider it all joy when we face various trials and tribulations
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- Which Jesus Himself said would be a part of all believers' lives

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- **Wisdom allows us to rejoice in our tribulations because wisdom places us in a position of invulnerability**
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- **Not only strengthening us to endure**
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- **But through endurance, wisdom will bring us to the place of neutralizing the opposing forces of darkness that are attacking us**
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- **Literally bringing us to a place of victory where that which once brought such great pain becomes a non-issue in our life**

I awakened by the Lord in the middle of the night, and He began to speak to me about how engineers design great structures to withstand opposing forces:

- **Bridges, buildings retaining walls are all designed by engineers' to withstand great opposing forces that would otherwise bring these structures down**
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- **This gives them the ability to endure**
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- **But the Lord began to show me that wisdom takes this to a complete other level**
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- **To where when wisdom is applied by the engineers, they build structures that not only withstand all opposing forces**
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- **But they can actually neutralize the opposing forces rendering them completely powerless**

An excellent example of this engineering feat is Taipei 101:

- **Taipei 101 is a 1667 foot skyscraper in Taiwan that utilizes a tuned mass damper to neutralize every violent force of wind or earthquake.**
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- **This building was not only built to withstand opposing forces, through wisdom this building was designed to neutralize them.**
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- **Between the 87th and 92nd floors a 660 ton swinging pendulum was placed within this tower to offset and neutralize negative forces.**

This is wisdom in action.

How many know that the Bible declares that we are Spiritual House in the kingdom of God:

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, ***are being built up*** as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- **As we walk with Jesus, we are going through a spiritual process of being built up**
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- **Ever learning, every applying what we learn in the Spirit of wisdom**

Matthew 7:24-25 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, *may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.* **25** "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

- **This is wisdom in its purest sense, acting upon the word of God...**

Proverbs 4:11-12 I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths. **12** When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble.

Wisdom is a Spirit:

Exodus 28:3 "You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the *spirit of wisdom*, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the *spirit of wisdom*, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Regarding the coming Messiah Isaiah says:

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The *spirit of wisdom* and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Regarding us as believers Paul prays:

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a *spirit of wisdom* and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

The Word of Wisdom is one of the gifts of the Spirit:

- **This can manifest in many ways, direction, being led, a knowledge imparted and so on**

Jesus said in defense of Himself:

Matthew 11:19- NLT- The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results."

- **How many know there is never a shortage of accusers**

In Conclusion:

Proverbs 9:1-5 NLT –Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns.

2 She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table.

3 She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city.

4 "Come in with me," she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says,

5 "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine I have mixed.

- **The food is the Word of God**

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- **The wine represents partaking of the Holy Spirit Who imparts the Spirit of Wisdom to us**