

WISDOM

I. Who is the source of wisdom?

Prov. 2:6; Ecc. 2:26; I Cor. 1:25; Col. 2:2-3

II. God's wisdom is seen in:

1. His creation.

Ps. 104:24, 136:5; Prov. 3:19

2. His creatures.

When these qualities are seen they have their source in God's wisdom 1). Pure, 2). Peaceable, 3).

Gentle, 4). Reasonable, 5). Merciful, 6). Fruitful, 7). Not partial, and 8). Not hypocritical. Jas.

3:17-18

III. Examples of wise men from Scripture.

1. Joseph.

Acts. 7:9-10

2. Joshua, Deut. 34:9

3. David.

I Sam. 18:5,14-15.30

4. Solomon.

I Ki. 4:29-30, 5:12, 10:4-8,23-24; II Chron. 1:8.10.12, 9:22-23

5. Daniel and his 3 friends. Dan. 1:17,20, 2:23, 5:11,14

6. Christ.

Matt. 13:54; Lu. 2:40,52

7. Stephen and other 6 deacons. Acts. 6:3,10

IV. Illustrations of wisdom.

1. Ant.

Prov. 6:6, 30:24-25

2. Goads-stick with a sharp point. Ecc. 12:11

3. Stake to anchor a tent. Ecc. 12:11

4. Badgers.

Prov. 30:24-25-26

5. Locust.

Prov. 30:24-25,27

6. Spider.

Prov. 30:24-25,28

V. What is wisdom better than:

1. Silver.

Prov. 3:13-14

2. Rubies. Prov. 8:11

3. Gold.

Prov. 16:16

4. Strength. Ecc. 9:16

5. Weapons. Ecc. 9:18
6. Nothing can be compared in value to it. Prov. 8:11

VI. What are the characteristics of a wise person?

1. Has a respect for God (fear of). Prov. 1:7; Ps. 111:10
2. Listens to advice and receives it.
Prov. 1:5,33. 2:1-2. 8:33. 9:9. 12:15. 13:1, 19:20
3. Has a desire to increase learning and understanding. Prov. 1:5
4. Obeys God's Word. Prov. 10:8, 28:7-9
5. Responds positively to rebuke and reproof. Prov. 9:8, 15:31. 17:10
6. He will seek to store knowledge. Prov. 10:14
7. He will understand/comprehend more than others. Prov. 10:23, 14:33, 17:24
8. He will depart from evil. Prov. 14:16
9. He will be humble. Prov. 11:2
10. He will walk with those who are wise. Prov. 13:20
11. He will demonstrate righteousness. Prov. 2:7
12. He will control his speech. Prov. 16:14, 29:11

VII. How can we test wisdom?

1. By the use of our money. Prov. 14:24; 21:20
2. By our speech.
Prov. 10:13,19, 12:18, 15:2,7, 16:23, 18:4, 31:26, Ecc. 10:12. Jas
3. By our companions. Prov. 13:20
4. By our attitude to others. Prov. 11:12, Jas. 3:17
5. By how I provide for the future.
Prov. 6:6-11. 10:5. Matt. 7:24-25, 25:1-13
6. By my response to instruction. Prov. 1:3-5, 9:9

VIII. What keeps a person from becoming wise?

1. If a person refuses counsel/instruction, he will not become wise. Prov. 1:25,30, 8:33. 13:1, 19:20
2. If a person refuses correction/reproof, he will not become wise. Prov. 1:25,30, 9:8
3. If a person hates knowledge, he will not become wise. Prov. 1:29
4. If a person refuses to respect God and His Word, he will not become wise. Prov. 1:29, 9:10

IX. What type of person will not be wise?

1. Scoffer.
Prov. 1:22, 9:8,12, 13:1, 14:6, 15:12
2. Fool.
Prov. 1:7,22. 8:5. 10:14,21,23, 13:20, 14:1,8, 15:2,7, 17:16, 23:
3. Simple.
Prov. 1:22, 8:5.
4. Wicked.

Prov. 4:5-19, 14:16-17

5. Immoral person.

Prov. 5:1-13, 7:1-27, 29:3

6. Proud.

Prov. 11:2, 13:10, 26:12

7. One who is deceived by wine or strong drink. Prov. 20:1

8. Lazy.

Prov. 26:16

9. Gluttony. Prov. 28:7

X. What are the results of lacking wisdom?

Prov. 1:31 "Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way."

1. Calamity will be experienced. Prov. 1:26,33

2. Fear will be experienced. Prov. 1:26-27,33

3. Destruction and desolation will be experienced. Prov. 1:27

4. Distress and **anguish** will be experienced. Prov. 1:27

5. One will reap the consequences of his/her decisions. Prov. 1:31

6. Death may result. Prov. 10:21

XI. In what areas are we not to have wisdom?

- In our understanding and experience of evil. Rom. 16:19

XII. What is not wise to do?

-Compare ourselves with others. II Cor. 10:12

XIII. What are the negative results of having wisdom?

I will experience more grief and sorrow when I see others failing to follow wisdom and know what the consequences will be for them. **Ecc.** 1:18, 7:4

XIV. In what areas do we need wisdom?

1. In our understanding of God. **Eph.** 1:17-19

2. In our walk.

Eph. 5:15; **Col.** 1:9-10

3. In understanding of God's will. **Eph.** 5:17; **Col.** 1:9

XV. How is wisdom developed?

1. By developing a respect for parents. **Prov.** 4:1,3-5,10-11, 5:1. 7:1-4, 13:1

2. By **disciplining** and correcting one's children. **Prov.** 29:15

3. By walking with those who are wise. **Prov.** 13:10,20

4. By listening to instruction and counsel.

Prov. 1:5, 2:2, 8:33. 9:9, 12:15, 17:10, 18:15, 19:20, 21:11, 22:

5. By responding positively (obeying) God's Word. **Ps.** 19:7, 119:98, Prov. 10:8, 28:7, II Tim. 3:15
6. By respecting God and His wisdom.
Job 28:28, Ps. 111:10; Prov. 1:7,29, 9:10. 14:16, 15:33
7. By living a righteous life. Prov. 10:31
8. By humility. Prov. 11:2
9. By asking God for wisdom. **Jas.** 1:5

XVI. What are the results of developing wisdom?

1. Our parents will experience joy.
Prov. 10:1. 15:20, 23:15,24. 27:11, 29:3
2. We will have more knowledge. Prov. 15:7
3. We will have discernment in decisions we make. **Ecc.** 8:5
4. We will not fear evil (consequences of bad decisions). Prov. 1:33
5. We will respond positively to reproof. Prov. 17:10
6. We will live longer. Prov. 3:16, 4:10
7. We will have more money. Prov. 3:16
8. We will have honor and respect from others. Prov. 3:16,35, 4:8, 12:8
9. We will experience a pleasant path through life. Prov. 3:17
10. We will experience peace. Prov. 3:17
11. We will experience joy. Prov. 3:18
12. We will be kept from many heartaches and problems. Prov. 4:5-6
13. We will not stumble. Prov. 4:11-12