

"Wisdom is justified by all her children." — Luke 7:35

Wisdom

- What is wisdom?
- Why should we be concerned about obtaining wisdom?
- How to acquire wisdom?
- How to practice wisdom?

What is wisdom?

- Common understanding
 - Knowledge
 - Understanding
 - Wisdom
- The Lord Jesus Christ
 - "...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1:24)
- The house of wisdom is the Church
 - "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed." (Prov. 9:4-5)



Why Wisdom?

- Protection
 - From evil
 - "A wise man fears and departs from evil..." (Prov. 14:16)
 - Misleading emotions
 - "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered." (Prov. 28:26)
- Carries eternal implications
 - •Ex: 5 Wise and 5 Foolish Virgins (Matt. 25)



Why Wisdom?

- It is the balance of virtue
 - Love
 - Kindness
 - Eli the Priest
 - "So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people transgress." (1 Sam. 23-24)
 - Speaking



How to acquire wisdom?

1. Ask

- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (Jam. 1:5)
 - Ex: Solomon
- God only gives heavenly wisdom
 - Earthly wisdom (e.g., Rebekah)
 - Heavenly wisdom
 - "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." (Jam. 3:17)

2. Word of God

- "You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me." (Ps. 119:98)
- Study Scriptures



To be continued...