



“Blessed are the eyes which see
the things you see...”

– Luke 10:23

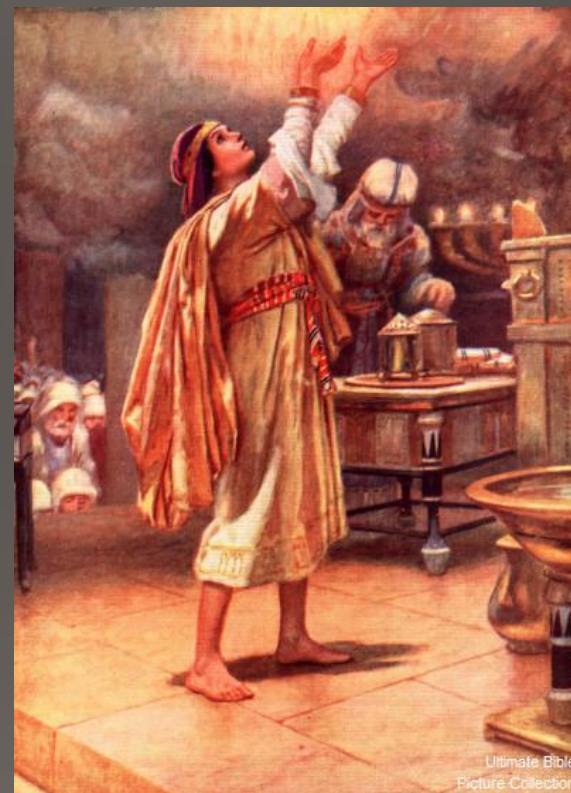
Wisdom

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

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



1. Ask

- God only give 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 scripture



3. The Experiences of others

"Only a fool learns from his own mistakes. The wise man learns from the mistakes of others." (Otto von Bismarck)

- "Do not be wise in your own eyes..."
(Prov. 3:7)
- "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." (Prov. 26:12)

4. Seek Wisdom

- “If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures.” (Prov. 2:4)
- Seek counsel from those with experience
- Admit that I do not know everything
- Counsel must be spiritually focused

5. Seek Elders

- Those who possess the experiences of life
- Ex: Online reviews



How to practice Wisdom?

Practicing Wisdom

1. Be humble
2. Think, pray, and ask before acting
 - “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”
(Jam. 1:19-20)

Practicing Wisdom

3. Learn from your mistakes and those of others
 - Ex: St. Peter
4. Do not escape criticism
 - “He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.”
(Pro. 15:32)
5. Do not make important decisions while under stress or angry
6. Fear God
 - “The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.”
(Prov. 9:10)