

Wisdom From God Sunday 03-24-2019 Handout

Proverbs 9:9-10 (NKJV) Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. **Proverbs 3:13** (NKJV) Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding;

I Why to get Wisdom

- To lead - Solomon **1 Kings 3:5-15** (NKJV) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" {6} And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. {7} "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. {8} "And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. {9} "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" {10} And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. {11} Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, {12} "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. {13} "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. {14} "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." {15} Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.
- To succeed - **George Washington Carver** was born with a larger-than-life name; fortunately, he more than lived up to it. Historians believe that Carver was born into slavery in the American South in 1864. A botanist, his work with the peanut plant led him to research genetics. He invented over 100 products that were eventually used in a variety of industries. Carver's scientific contributions have influenced paint, cosmetics, dyes, and plastics. He was a faithful Christian throughout his life.
- **Wilbur Wright** Along with his brother, Orville, Wilbur Wright successfully invented the first manned aircraft to take flight in 1903. The brothers are perhaps the most widely recognized inventors in American history. Few people realize, however, how devoutly the Wright brothers practiced their Christian faith. Throughout their lives, Wilbur and Orville refused to work on Sundays. They followed the Old Testament prohibition against working on the Lord's day of rest.
- Christian inventors have given the world a host of wonderful products, discoveries, and theories.
- To be saved from eternal damnation **Isaiah 33:6** (NKJV) Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure. **2 Timothy 3:14-15** (NKJV) But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, {15} and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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II How to get Wisdom

- Fear God **Proverbs 1:7** (NKJV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- Obey God **Proverbs 2:6-8** (NKJV) For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; {7} He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; {8} He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.
- Walk Humbly **Psalms 25:9** (RSV) He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
Proverbs 11:2 (NKJV) When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.
- Pay attention **Proverbs 5:1** (NKJV) My son, pay attention to my wisdom; lend your ear to my understanding,
- ASK **James 1:5** (NKJV) 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.

III Who will instruct me in Wisdom

- The world, friends, relatives, teachers, parents, and mentors
- Formal education
- Experience .. School of hard knocks
- Even Your enemies
- God **Proverbs 9:9-10** (NKJV) Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- The Word of God **Psalms 119:98-100** (NKJV) You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. {99} I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. {100} I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.
- The Spirit of God **1 Corinthians 2:14** (NKJV) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

IV In witnessing

- always be ready **1 Peter 3:15** (NKJV) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
- Are religious people reachable? ... can you say Saul of Tarsus (*next week*)
- Paul declaring who the "unkown God" is **Acts 17:23** (NKJV) "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to the unknown God. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: