

## The Benefits of Wisdom

*“1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; 15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.” (Proverbs 2:1-22 KJV)*

Wisdom is supreme; to gain it you would pay all what you have, and you would spend all what you gained to receive it. Wisdom is from above; from God the Father who is in Heaven. This is what the Word of God teaches us, *“17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17 KJV)*

Not only God gives us wisdom but also He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all what He created. *“18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” (James 1:18 KJV)* The Lord God sent His Son Jesus Christ from Heaven to the world to save us from sin and death, *“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16 KJV)* Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him. Once we receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord over our lives we receive the Spirit of God that He gives to live in us. The Spirit of God would be strengthened by reading His Word and apply what says in our lives; then we would start to receive wisdom, the Heavenly one that enable us to live a life pleasant to the Lord with all the following benefits:

*1. You will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God: “5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and*

*understanding.” (Proverbs 2:5-6 KJV)* God’s wisdom will teach you to fear God and to walk in His ways. Once you believe in Jesus and receive God’s wisdom there will be dramatic changes in your life, the way you think and the way you act. God gives wisdom to the righteous men in order to protect and to preserve those who walk uprightly, *“7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.” (Proverbs 2:7-8 KJV)* God holds victory in store for the upright. God with His wisdom gives you victories over many challenges, difficulties and trials. Many battles you will win with God’s wisdom. God is a shield to those whose walk is blameless before Him. God guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. God in His wisdom not only guides, but also guards you to keep you walking in the safe way. God in His Wisdom will not allow your foot to slip in holes or step over a land mine.

*2. You will be going to understand what are the righteousness of God, His judgment, His justice, and every good path: “9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.” (Proverbs 2:9 KJV)* You will have new and deep understanding about the things of God and you will start to understand events as God sees them and ordained for them to happen. You will start to see things and events different than the people around you. You will no more conform to the pattern of this world but you will be transformed by the renewing of your mind having the mind of Christ and adopting His purpose and His plan in your life.

*3. You will be having discretion that will protect you from evil men: “10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;” (Proverbs 2:10-12 KJV)* God’s wisdom will give prudence and wisdom will save you from evil. Wisdom will teach you a strategy how to tackle issues and deal with difficult circumstances. As you walk with God and His wisdom is upon you, God will take you away from wicked men whose words are perverse, who walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong, whose path are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

*4. You will be delivered from the adulterous woman: “16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.” (Proverbs 2:16-19 KJV)* God will take you from the adulterous people and from the wayward wife. All such are so dangerous and can bring damage to your home and can put you in big troubles. Heavenly wisdom will save you from all such.

*5. You will be walking in the ways of good men and keeping to the paths of the righteous: “20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.” (Proverbs 2:20 KJV)* Now as you walk in God’s wisdom, evil people will be taken away from you and righteous people will be brought to you. God will take the evil away and will bring instead the good people to you. The upright and the blameless God will keep them with you.

Now we will read a Scripture from the life of Joseph the son of Jacob who was a man rich in the wisdom of God: **“33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. 37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. 54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.”** (Genesis 41:33-57 KJV)

The above story it speaks about part of Joseph's life when he was in Egypt. He was filled with God's wisdom and the Lord used him in that particular period of time. **Put in your mind that there is always a need for a wise and discerning man to deal with hard and tough situations of life.** Joseph through the wisdom that God gave him he

was saved from many troubles. God saved him from the hands of his brothers and saved him also from the wife of Potiphar, and even when he was put in the prison God preserved him and kept him until he stood before Pharaoh when Joseph gave him the plan of God of how to stand against and manage well the coming seven years of famine.

**Speaking about the wisdom of God you must know, that we as Joseph, God wants us to be wise and discerning people to deal with the various situations of life.** Jesus said, **“35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.”** (Luke 7:35 KJV) Jesus saved the world from sin and death by His death on the cross, and that is God's wisdom. **“22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”** (1 Corinthians 1:22-24 KJV) Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried, but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. Jesus is the way for us to reach God as He declared, **“6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** (John 14:6 KJV) **As we received Jesus, in Him we have eternal life, and we have life and life to the full. His Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit would give us God's wisdom to help us to be wise to manage our lives in appropriate way doing His will and following His plan for us in our lives. God's wisdom might look strange and unacceptable to some people but that what we need today to manage our lives and to be successful as we can read here:**

**A. God's wisdom teaches us to manage our resources wisely:** The Word of God teaches us the following: **“28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”** (Ephesians 4:28 KJV) **God gave us hands and feet so we can work and gain an income, which will be used to honor God with our tithes, firstfruits and offerings to Him. We work to have income to live a Godly life. Our income is not to be spent all, but part of it to be saved; around one fifth of the income (20%) needs to be saved and kept aside. We are not called to borrow or to be in debt, and we are called to have something to help those in need.**

**B. God's wisdom teaches us there is a perfect and good plan for each and everyone and that plan will be part of the good plan that God has for all as long as we obey and follow:** As we read in the chosen passage from the life of Joseph, that God not only had a good plan for Joseph, but as well as to the whole Egypt, and later on to the whole family of Joseph. **That good and perfect plan will be achieved as long as people follow God and do His will in a precise way.**

**C. God's wisdom brings wealth:** **“49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.”** (Genesis 41:49 KJV) **God's wisdom makes us rich in every way. So we can be generous in every way and the blessings of God would be released to others.**

**D. God's wisdom it helps us to forget all our troubles:** Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, **“51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.”**

*(Genesis 41:51 KJV) You need to trust God that as you obey Him that He is able to reward you and to make you forget all your troubles.*

*E. God's wisdom will make you fruitful in the land of your suffering: "52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." (Genesis 41:52 KJV) You need to trust God that your trials and suffering are not the reason for you not to receive God's blessings. Therefore trust God, don't be sad or upset about trials, wait upon God, and He will make you fruitful in the land of your suffering.*

*F. God's wisdom will gather and unite the divided family: "1 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die." (Genesis 42:1-2 KJV) The family of Joseph who ill-treated him, now the time had come on them to humble down and face the consequences of their sin. They went to Egypt and got humiliated before Joseph whom God vindicated because he delighted in God's wisdom. And that was the way for them to be saved and delivered from death.*

*My Dear and Beloved: All the above benefits will come if you embrace wisdom and gain understanding from the Lord as you commit yourself to Him. God's wisdom will put you high above all the nations and you will be the person that people will say about, 'Go to him and do what he tells you,' 'Go unto him; what he says to you, do'. Joseph was used in Egypt, and the turn now to you, God might use you wherever you are.*

*Your life style, the way you live, and how to make your decisions will show and approve how you have the wisdom of God in you. If you want to be blessed as Joseph was blessed by God then live and behave as Joseph was and did with the wisdom of God. Therefore commit yourself to the principles and the lessons that you learned from this message.*

Let us pray . . . .

*My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your assuring Word that we received in this message and thank you for the Heavenly wisdom that you had bestowed on us. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments we received in this message,*

*Now repent and renounce all your sins. Repent and renounce your lack of the fear of God. Repent and renounce your pride and arrogance. Repent and renounce your worldliness and your love for material things. Repent and renounce your unforgiveness, revenge, laziness, lack of self-control, immoralities, wasting money, wasting resources, extravagant life, wrong planning, non believing in saving, lack of patient, and non willingness to wait upon God and to abide in His plan and will. Repent and renounce your lack of reading of God's Word and your lack of prayers. Repent and renounce your yoke with non believers, and your yoke with many friends, the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me I repent of the following sins*

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*Lord I need your wisdom in my life, guide me with the full truth and reveal to me your deep secrets, and teach me to trust you and obey you fully so I can enjoy your blessings and I can be a blessing to others. Lord give me your wisdom, this is what I ask from you; lead me into victory, guide me and guard me with the full truth. Lord I commit myself to continue to persevere in facing trials committing myself to continue to serve you and doing your will using the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you gave me. Lord I commit myself to all the teaching and the principles that I learned from the message. Lord I commit myself to teach others your ways and these principles of your Word. Thank you Lord, this is all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*

*Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed their lives according to your Word that you will give them your Heavenly wisdom that they need in their lives to take wise decisions and to serve you and accomplish your purpose and plan in their lives and in the lives of the people around them and under their care. Lord sustain them with your grace, protect them from evil men and the adulterous people, give them good health and the strength they need, and provide for them to continue to serve you.*

*Lord bless us as your church; Lord we ask you once again to give us your Heavenly wisdom and to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts so we can go and evangelize, making new disciples and training new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations, workers, members and the lost souls. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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