



## PART 1

# Why Get Wisdom?

- Look back over your life, has there ever been a season where you have consciously sought out the wisdom of God and applied it to your life?
- Would you say that your life is characterised by wise choices and well thought out actions?
- Look again at Proverbs 2:2-11 (NLT) and note the benefits of wisdom as described in the passage. Now read it again in the Message Bible and notice the blessings promised in your life as you seek Wisdom.
- Taking James 1:5 to heart, write out a prayer asking God for wisdom in specific areas of your life.



PART 2

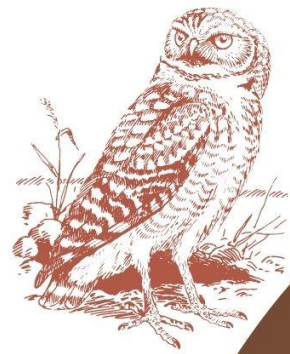
# Wiser Than My Enemies

- When last did you read the Word and apply it?  
How often are you reading the Word? Is the Word, your first source of wisdom?
- Read 1 Cor 2:13, what makes the Word of God so special that it should be our first source of wisdom?
- According to Hebrews 5:12 would you say you have made a point of mastering the elementary truths from scripture?
- Make a bible study plan for yourself, one that plans out exactly what you will be studying from scripture in the next few days.

## PART 3

# The Source of Wisdom

- To what extent do you rely on knowledge and understanding readily available (in books, websites, influencers, specialists, academia etc) in comparison to spending time praying and asking God for the direction and wisdom you need? Read 1 Cor 1:19-20 in the Amplified version and consider the source of your wisdom.
- Do you “fear of the Lord” in your life, do you have an **“appropriate respect and reverence for the Lord, understanding your position in relationship to Him.”** What would you say, if you were asked that question?
- Define for yourself the role of the Holy Spirit in the acquisition of wisdom? Write out how you think the Holy Spirit would practically impart wisdom to you.
- Interview a few Christian friends, asking them how the Holy Spirit has helped them apply wisdom from scripture into their lives.





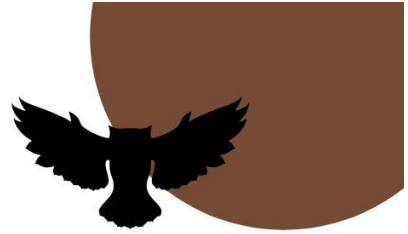
## PART 4

# The Path to Wisdom

- Do you believe that God's revelations from the bible is the source of all the answers you could possible need for life and godliness? Don't just say yes, evaluate your life to see if this has been your pattern in the decisions and actions you have taken just recently.
- How would the Spirit be able bring scripture into remembrance and give us direction and wisdom, if it is not our practice to study the Word of God FOR wisdom? Can you recall a moment in your spiritual walk where you experience the Holy Spirit reminding you of a scripture, or bringing an understanding of a scripture into your mind.
- Looking at why the process of wisdom is so hard above, can you identify which of these may have discouraged you in your pursuit of wisdom?
- Wisdom is often at the other side of our obedience. Consider this statement and how it is relevant to your life. James 1:22-25



## PART 5



# Knowledge and Wisdom

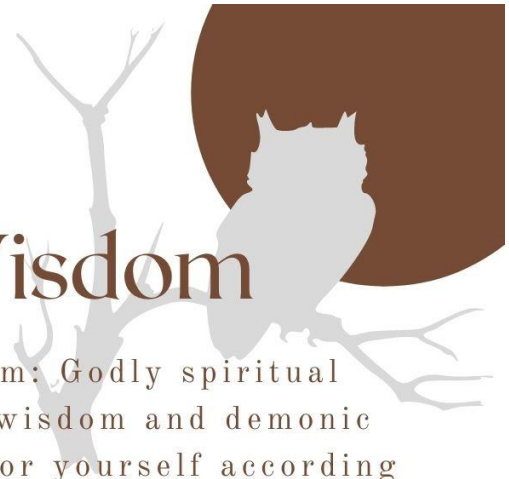
- Have you come across people who have an incredible knowledge of the bible, but are not necessarily wise in how they are living their lives?
- Again, have you come across people who can show you many interesting insights and nuances of scripture, who can talk endlessly about what a passage means, yet seem to NOT apply wisdom in their personal lives.
- Remember, the fruit of our lives will show whether we have applied godly wisdom, because God blesses us in our pursuit of wisdom. What does the fruit of your life look like?
- In your own words: write out a paragraph explaining to yourself the difference between knowledge, understanding and wisdom. Then ask God to show you people in your life that demonstrate the latter.



## PART 6

# Two Kinds of Wisdom

- There are three kinds of wisdom: Godly spiritual wisdom, human or unspiritual wisdom and demonic wisdom. Define each of these for yourself according to the text.
- **“Human wisdom is changeable and influenced by worldly philosophies and methodologies,”** honestly evaluate the impact of social media, television series, influencers or celebrities on the human wisdom and what people believe in society in the last 30 years.
- Consider 1 Cor 1:18-20 from the Message bible and how it makes a comment on society today: **“The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It’s written, I’ll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I’ll expose so-called experts as shams. So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn’t God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—preaching, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.”**
- According to James 3:17 what fruit does divine wisdom bring about?





## PART 7

# What is a Fool?



- The only way to recognise a fool is to study the behavior of a fool. Study the scriptures and consolidate in your mind what the bible describes as a fool.
- Consider the natural and spiritual consequences of a fools life and consider who in your life has this happening in their lives. Also consider your own life, and situations you may have behaved like a fool.
- A companion of fools, suffers harm. Consider the people who are closest to you. They say the five people closest to you, describe the type of person you are. Are you hanging around the wrong company, is it possible to improve the people you are spending time with. Would you describe those five people as wise and constructive in your life?



PART 8

# What does Wisdom Look Like?

- Consider the characteristics of wisdom in a wise person above. Take each characteristic and find an example of that characteristic being played out in real life amongst the people around you.
- Is there someone in your life, that plants “seeds of wisdom” in your heart on a regular basis? Such seeds of wisdom will bring about a harvest of right living in your life. Phone that person and try and spend more time in their presence.
- Are you a person that can be described as wise? It is important that we are circumspect (give it some thought.) What areas of your life do you need to work on?





PART 9

# The Personal Pursuit of Wisdom

- Consider the priorities of your life, what is most important to you? List them in your journal in order of importance. Now evaluate the time you spend on each and ask yourself if that is an appropriate amount of time spent on your priorities? Ask yourself: Are you giving time to that which is important to you?
- Have you experienced opposition in the pursuit of wisdom? What are the buttons that the enemy will push to get you to give up the pursuit of wisdom? Can you put a reminder up in your house, that will remind you whenever you see it, to always make the pursuit of wisdom a focus in your life?
- Study the passages of scripture listed above and their context, so that you can clearly understand what the pursuit of wisdom is all about.

## PART 10



# Wisdom in Small Things

- What small decision can you take today, that can substantially change the direction of your life in the next three months?
- Look at those four words: Preparation, Protection, Partnership and Position. How can you apply each of those four concepts to your life today: consider a change in thinking pattern; or change in behaviour; or attitude; an action to take; a person to call; a habit to form; a new strategy to embrace...
- Read 1 Kings 17. Identify the link between small things and God's power.

