

THE GIFT THAT GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO HAVE (Preached March 2020)

Ask if had opportunity to ask for anything what would it be May remember (I dream a Jennie) shed ask her master What do you want Master? Money, materialism, car, house, job, win marathon, knowledge etc 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God & all these things will be added unto you Matthew 6:33

2 Chronicles 1:7 God appeared to Solomon 'Ask whatever you want me to give you'

v10 his reply 'give me wisdom & knowledge that I lead my people'

v12 'therefore wisdom & knowledge will be given to you Also ill give you wealth, possessions & honor'

James 1:5,6 If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all generously & without rebuke & it will be given to him But you must ask in faith& do not doubt'

Passage James 3:13-18 we see 3 types of wisdom 1 Natural 2 Counterfeit 3 Spiritual

This set of nuggets is between the tongue & conflicts in the Church We need wisdom to deal with both of these issues

Prayer Ephesians 1:18 'I pray that the eyes of heart will be opened to hear what the spirit is saying'

Firstly I want to show you the difference between wisdom & knowledge

James addresses the teacher who needs wisdom in order to be able to use their knowledge Its
essential to have to have wisdom without knowledge than knowledge without wisdom

Knowledge canters on mind/intellect

Wisdom is about the heart

Knowledge comes via internal

Wisdom focus on external

Knowledge is learnt by observation

Wisdom by meditation on God

Knowledge understands the facts

Wisdom ability to bring facts into being

Knowledge talks

Wisdom listens

Interesting note nowhere in Word of God is wisdom attributed to the unbeliever 222 times refers unbeliever to fools See we can be knowledgeable, clever, intelligent, shrewd but it's not wisdom

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge, to know is not to be wise Many men know a great deal & are all the greater fools for it There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom C H Spurgeon

1 Corinthians 1:21 'For the world through all its earthly wisdom failed to recognize Gods wisdom as it was foolishness'

Wise men talk because they have something to say Fools talk because they have to say something
The difference between smart & wise man The smart man knows what to say but wise man knows whether to say it or not

NATURAL WISDOM – knowledge 'Wisdom is with aged men & with length of days' Job12:12.

DEMONIC/COUNTERFEIT WISDOM – seems right & good but actually its evil bringing confusion, division & disorder Going see Antichrist & even elect be deceived Need Discernment (along Wisdom)

SPIRITUAL WISDOM – GOD IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF WISDOM Proverbs 2:6 Lord
 gives wisdom Its more than the right word at the right moment, it unlocks the wisdom of God which
 cannot be grasped by human understanding

GIFTS 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Word of Wisdom (no 1) word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, miracles,
 prophecy, discernment, various kinds of tongues & interpretation of tongues I believe ALL the gifts
 operate out of WISDOM & DISCERNMENT

Daniel 2:20 WISDOM & POWER belong to Him (God)
 Job 12:13 With Him (God) are WISDOM & MIGHT (POWER)
 Luke 2:52 (Jesus) increased in WISDOM & STATURE 1
 Corinthians 1:24 Christ is the POWER of God & WISDOM of God
 Matthew 13:54 Where did He get His WISDOM & these miraculous POWERS
 JESUS spoke to others or answered others it was always with wisdom ie parables & Pharisees
 Acts 6:8 Stephen full of grace & POWER was performing signs & wonders v10
 they were unable to cope with the WISDOM & the Spirit which he was speaking

SEVEN FRUITS OF WISDOM along with 7 consequences of human & counterfeit wisdom James v14-16 1
 PURE unmixed, error, untainted by immorality, unclouded by selfish motives, cleansed of selfish
 ambition, undefiled without contamination, pure heart shall see God 2
 PEACELOVING not quarrelsome, contentious or cutting Promotes peace/harmony not peace at any price
 3 GENTLE tender, kind, forgiving, forbearing LINCOLN – velvet steel 4
 CONSIDERATE not stubborn, flexible, willing, listen, teachable see best in others 5
 FULL OF MERCY & GOOD FRUITS genuine concern, practical helper especially if been wronged 6
 DECISIVENESS (unwavering) not afraid, not hesitate, stand firm, consistent 7
 SINCERITY (without hypocrisy) wear mask, pretend, expose self, vulnerable

STANDARD MEASURE OF WISDOM IS JESUS a picture of His Character

HOW DO WE GET WISDOM 1
 FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of Wisdom Psalm 111:10 Fear God wont fear man Joy
 Dawson ‘ I discovered the fear of the Lord is where wisdom is found & I also discovered I could have as
 much wisdom as I chose to be holy’ 2 MEDIATE
 ON THE WORD OF GOD Psalm 119:15,16 I will meditate on your teachings I will follow your ways I will
 delight in your decrees I will forget not your Word also v9-11 & 103 Proverbs is full of
 wisdom 3 WISE PERSON USES
 TIME WISELY doesn't waste time, isn't distracted Ephesians 5:16 ‘make the most of your time as the days
 are evil’ 4 CONDUCT yourself with
 Wisdom in your interactions with unbelievers Colossians 4:5 5 ASK for it through prayer
 It is the gift that God wants you to have James 1:5

