**Topic: The wisdom of God – Part 1** 

Bible Reading: James 3:1-13

## **Introduction**

Physical wisdom is the quality of having experience, knowledge and good judgment. It is the soundness of an action or decision by using experience, knowledge and good judgment. Earthly wisdom is the ability to discern what is true, right or lasting. It is to have insight; however, the wisdom of God is spiritual and pure. It is different from the intelligence or smartness of this world.

## **Worldly wisdom is foolishness**

Many people who are claiming to be wise in the world are actually fools. Those who are professing to be smart across the globe are making simpletons of themselves, due to their conduct. Behind the facade of 'wisdom' of numerous people in the world is foolishness. All the people throughout the world who are refusing to worship God; by treating Him with honor and reverence are trivializing themselves into silliness and confusion, to the extent that there is no sense, or direction left in their lives. Inasmuch as the wisdom of this world leads to foolishness, why not seek the wisdom of God? Are you one of the fools who are claiming to be wise? The Book of Romans confirmed this fact by saying, "Professing to be wise, they became fools." Romans 1:22.

Are you following the trend of the world, or the instruction of God? Learn from the mistake of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Eve thought she would become wise by eating of the fruit; instead, she became a fool due to the deceit of the serpent. Eve wanted to acquire wisdom by consuming the fruit; instead she inherited foolishness and curses. The Bible Chronicles this event by saying,

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave her husband with her, and he ate."

Genesis 3:6. Cease following the path of destruction that Satan disguised as path of wisdom. Seek the heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life.

Hence, if anyone thinks that he/she is wise in this world, let the person discard his/her worldly pretensions, and acknowledge his/her lack of wisdom; in order to become spiritually wise. So, don't fool yourself; if you think that you are physically wise; then you have to become foolish, before you can be truly wise. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise." 1 Corinthians 3:18. Inasmuch as what the world calls smart, God calls stupid; do not be under any illusion, but discard your worldly cleverness; so that you will learn to be truly wise.

Do you think you are wise by this world's standards? Are you ready to discard your worldly discernment? Do you recognize that you are dull, stupid and foolish without heavenly wisdom? It is time for you to give up your worldly smartness or intelligence; because the wisdom of this world is absurdity and stupidity with God. What this world considers to be wisdom is nonsense in the sight of God; according to the Book of Corinthians which says, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their own craftiness.'" 1 Corinthians 3:19. Are you ready to embrace the wisdom of God, since worldly wisdom is foolishness? You must be spiritually wise, if you want the heavens to consider you.

<u>Do not consider yourself wise:</u> Nowadays, the great people of the world are not necessarily wise. Those who are abundant in years may not be wise or understand justice. Age is no guarantee of wisdom and understanding; instead it depends on your

obedience and relationship with your Creator. It is not growing old that makes humans wise, or help them to know what is right; but the fear of God. You need to realize that it is not just older people who are wise, and the elders are not the only ones who understand what is right; according to the scripture which says, "Great men are not always wise, nor do the aged always understand justice." Job 32:9. Do you know that many of the celebrities are not wise? Do you know that many of the leaders do not understand what is right and fair? Since age and wisdom are not interrelated; is it clear that getting old doesn't guarantee good sense?

It is the Spirit of God in a person that makes wise human insight possible. Therefore, don't consider yourself wise; instead, respect the Lord and refuse to do wrong. Don't depend on your own wisdom, but the wisdom of God; so, obey the Lord and retreat from evil. Don't assume that you know it all, but run to God and depart from evil; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:7. Are you impressed with your own wisdom? Do you think you are wiser than you are? Don't be conceited about your own wisdom; instead fear God with reverent awe and turn away from evil.

Judgment of God is coming on those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight. The people who consider themselves wise and prudent will be doomed. Sorrow awaits people who consider themselves clever; as it is written, "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." Isaiah 5:21. Are you one of those who consider himself/herself wise? If you don't want terrible things to happen to you, don't think you are smart, or hold a high opinion of yourself.

Many people in the world are behaving as if they will live forever. They have forgotten that they have a limited time to live on earth. The majority of humanity has forgotten God, and they are not

seeking wisdom; instead they are pursuing vanities. The time has come for mankind to realize the brevity of life; therefore, pray to God to teach you to use all the time you have on earth wisely. Beg God to make you know how short your life is; so that you will become wise. Entreat God to teach you to live wisely; so that you will grow in wisdom; according to the Bible passage that says, "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12. Today, why not ask for wisdom to serve the Lord, and use your time on this terrestrial ball called earth judiciously?

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## You need to utilize spiritual wisdom

Nowadays, immorality is what is in vogue, and people are calling shameful things beautiful. The world is spiritually inverted to the extent that people lack virtue and shame. Everyone is embracing carnal wisdom that is foolishness, in the presence of God. People are glamorizing disgraceful things, due to lack of true wisdom; instead of the heavenly wisdom that will make them live a comfortable life on earth, and live eternally in Paradise.

If anyone is deficient in wisdom to guide him/her through a decision or circumstance; such a person should ask from God. If you need spiritual wisdom to direct your steps in this lustful world; ask God for it. If you ask, God is ready to give you wisdom without rebuke or blame. God will not deny you the heavenly wisdom to survive in this world; if you ask. Don't keep your Maker waiting, but ask for His wisdom and He will generously give to you; according to the Book of James which says, "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." <a href="James 1:5">James 1:5</a>. Don't you think it is time to abandon your carnal wisdom, and ask God for spiritual wisdom? Do not procrastinate, because tomorrow may be too late.

Therefore, live life with a sense of responsibility; as one of those who know the meaning and purpose of life. Wake up from your slumber, and make best use of your time. Make sure that you are living your life with honor, purpose, and courage; by shunning those who tolerate and enable evil. It is important for Christians to act like people with good sense and not like fools. Pay attention to how you conduct your life; so, do not live like ignorant people, but like people who are wise. The scripture

corroborated this fact by saying, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise." **Ephesians 5:15.** Are you living a purposeful and worthy life? Are you walking as an unwise and witless person; or as a wise and sensible person?

Satan always disguises foolishness: Be informed that Satan always disguises foolishness as wisdom; in order to ensnare the gullible people; and the newly converted Christians. Inasmuch as Lucifer is the prince of this world; He is using deceit to trick humans into believing that the foolish and shameful things of this world are the best. Presently, the Devil is making foolish things to look desirable, exciting, and attractive; in order to lure countless people into spiritual bondage. So, do not be a victim of this grand plot of Satan.

Hence, anyone who is un-teachable and wise in his/her own eyes is doomed. There is more hope for foolish people than for those who think they are smart. The most stupid fool is better off than those who think they are wise, when they are not. Therefore, beware not to rely on the foolishness that Satan disguised as wisdom; else your hope will be dashed; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." <a href="Proverbs 26:12">Proverbs 26:12</a>. You must not be wise in your own eyes; if you don't want your expectation to be ruined. The self-conceited people must realize that they are fools who are towing the scheme of the Devil thinking they are wise.

These ensnared people will realize that no human can oppose God and win. If they continue to resist God, by refusing to let go of their foolishness camouflaged as wisdom; they will not succeed spiritually on earth. Inasmuch as no one has ever defied God and remain unharmed, or safe; why not seek the wisdom of God? Do you know that you are challenging God indirectly by remaining adamant: instead of yielding to His demands? God's wisdom is deep and His power is immense; so no one can come

against Him without getting hurt. The Book of Job confirmed this fact by saying, "God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered?" <u>Job 9:4.</u> Do you think that you are fighting God indirectly or hindering His works? You must never stand up against God, but submit yourself totally to Him.

It is for this reason that God always upset the plans of the cunning people, and traps those who think they are wise in their own schemes; so that nothing they do succeeds. God intentionally catches the fools who think are clever in their own craftiness, and ends the plans of those who try to trick others. Do you know that God is foiling the plans of the deceptive people? Do you believe that God is presently making the carnal wisdom of the devious to fail? The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them." Job 5:13, Abstain from foolishness disguised as wisdom; else you will be entrapped by your plots and your scheme will be thwarted.

Chose Holy Spirit instead of human cleverness: It is inevitable, for anyone who intends to successfully complete his/her mission on earth: to allow the Holy Spirit to take preeminence, in everything he/she is doing. Whenever you are preaching, make sure that your messages are plain and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit; rather than using clever and persuasive speeches. Since carnal wisdom has limited capability, make sure your teachings are not delivered with skillful words of human wisdom.

The preachers should not use their wisdom to preach, but allow the Holy Spirit to operate through them; and stir the minds of their listeners to obey God. As it is written; "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Corinthians 2:4. In all your dealings make sure that you are not using enticing and plausible words of earthly wisdom; instead be honest and

allow the Holy Spirit to take total control. Make sure that your faith is in God's power: rather than human wisdom. You must neither trust in human wisdom, nor depend on it; if you want the purpose of God to be achieved in your life, but allow the Holy Spirit to direct your path; according to the Bible passage which says, "That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5. Does your faith rest on human wisdom? Do you have faith in God's power or human philosophy? Change before it is late.

**Topic: The wisdom of God – Part 3** 

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#### Wisdom belongs to God

Wisdom belongs to God, and only the Lord can give you spiritual wisdom; so, wisdom is the property of the Lord. God owns the wisdom and He will give it to anyone who obeys His instructions. Inasmuch as wisdom belongs to God, He alone can show the submissive people the secrets of wisdom; because sound wisdom has two sides or many sides. Lord is the manifold in understanding; and no one else except Him can show the different sides of heavenly wisdom; since there are things too deep for human knowledge. It is for this reason that God always punishes humans less than they deserve; according to the Book of Job which says, "That He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For they would double your prudence. Know therefore that God exacts from you less than your iniquity deserves." Job 11:6.

The reason why God always punishes mankind less than their guilt and iniquity deserves is that He knew humans are dust and they are foolish at heart. As it is written, "For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." <a href="Psalm 103:14">Psalm 103:14</a>. Hence, whatever you are passing through, you need to realize that the mercy and the wisdom of God makes Him to penalize you lesser than your sins; according to the scripture which says, "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punish us according to our iniquities." <a href="Psalm 103:10">Psalm 103:10</a>. God doesn't act toward humanity according to their sins; because He is a merciful, gracious and wise God.

God used His wisdom and power to create the earth; and spread out the heavens. God utilized His authority to give shape to the world and preserve it by His infinite wisdom. This world was built by the wisdom of God and His deep understanding stretched out the skies; the Bible attested to this fact by saying, "He has made the

earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heaven by His understanding." <u>Jeremiah 51:15.</u> If God utilized wisdom to preserve this world; don't you think you need wisdom to be sustained and established in this world?

King Solomon through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit proclaimed that God created heaven and earth by His endless wisdom and knowledge. The Lord by skillful and godly wisdom has created the earth, and He established the heavens by His understanding; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens." Proverbs 3:19. Do you know that you need godly wisdom to please God and evade hell? Is it clear that only the heavenly wisdom can sustain you and make you endure forever? Do you understand that the wisdom of God is what you need to be successful in this world? Do you realize that if you are deficient in wisdom, you may not be established?

Daniel also confirmed during his lifetime that wisdom and power belong to God. Inasmuch as God is the wisest and most powerful Being; His name should be praised from one generation to another. Are you blessing the name of the Most High God whom wisdom and power belongs to? The Bible corroborated the fact by saying, "Daniel answered and said: 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.'" <u>Daniel 2:20.</u>

#### God alone is wise

God alone is wise and humans are spiritually fools, until they are granted heavenly wisdom. It is for this reason that God is proving to those who are claiming to be wise that they are novices; and He is using the stupid things to ridicule them. Almighty God deliberately selected for His purpose the foolish things of the world to put the wise people to shame by revealing their ignorance. God also chooses things of little strength and small repute to explode and expose the hollow pretensions of

powerful people. It is for this reason that the smart people are being mocked/ridiculed throughout the world; until they acknowledge their lack of understanding and seek the spiritual wisdom of God. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty." 1 Corinthians 1:27. Do you know that you will be disgraced, if you fail to seek the wisdom of God? If you rely on earthly wisdom; God will use what the world considers as nonsense to put you to shame.

God is deliberately mocking those who claim to be wise and the people who rely on earthly wisdom; instead of the wisdom of God. God is destroying the philosophy and the philosophers; so that they will realize that they are spiritually foolish and turn to God to be given real wisdom. The Lord is frustrating the cleverness of the clever and He is nullifying the discernment of the discerning by bringing them to nothing; so that humans will rely on Him instead of their intelligence. In the same manner, God is using what the world consider stupid-preaching to bring the Beloved into the way of Salvation. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." 1 Corinthians 1:19. Do you know that God will turn conventional wisdom on its head? Do you know that the intelligence of the intelligent will be thwarted by God? God will expose the so-called experts as shams, and confuse those who think they know so much.

So, where are the wise, the orators, the debaters and the philosophers of this world? What happens to those who think they have all the answers? What did the critics of this world have to show for all their earthly wisdom? Don't you think God has exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Don't you know that God has proved the wisdom of this world to be useless and foolish? As it is written, "Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the

wisdom of this world? 1 Corinthians 1:20. Are you ready to admit that God alone is wise? Are you ready to seek the sound wisdom of God? Do not tarry; seek the wisdom of God now.

Glory, honor, and power; to God who alone is wise. It is your duty to give glory to the only wise God forever through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to the scripture which says, "To God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen." Romans 16:27. Therefore, focus all your praise and thanks through Jesus Christ on our incomparably wise God. The Book of Timothy also validated this fact by saying, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17. The Bible also stated in the Book of Jude "To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 1:25. Do you now agree that God alone is wise or not? If you agree, seek the wisdom of God.

**Topic: The wisdom of God – Part 4** 

Bible Reading: James 3:1-13

## God gives wisdom

God alone has the capability to give wisdom to humans. The Lord gives intuition to the heart and instinct to the mind of mankind. If it is not God who gives wisdom, who do you think put wisdom in the innermost being of man? The Bible clarifies this fact by saying "Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?" Job 38:36. Inasmuch as wisdom belongs to God; then He is the only One entitled to give wisdom to humans.

Any sensible person knows that only God gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding to humanity. Heavenly wisdom comes from the Lord, and so does common sense and understanding. Only God bestows wisdom on people who are candid and sincere. God grants wisdom freely; because He is 'a spiritual rich mine of common sense' for those who live well; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Proverbs 2:6. Don't you think you need to be closer to your Creator; in order to be enriched with wisdom? Do you know that loyalty is required to be granted wisdom?

Anyone who pleases God will be given wisdom, knowledge and joy. So, if you please the Lord, He will make you wise, understanding and happy; according to the scripture which says, "For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind." <a href="Ecclesiastes 2:26">Ecclesiastes 2:26</a>. Do you want enduring riches and wisdom? Be loyal to God and do what is pleasing to Him; if you do not want to be assigned with a life of

hard labor; and your wages turned over to God's favorites.

God granted David wisdom: David was faithful to the Lord during his lifetime, God granted him wisdom and he was successful in all his endeavors. Even King Saul was afraid of David; because the Lord was with David, but He abandoned Saul. As King Saul saw David becoming more successful, he himself grew more fearful and jealous; because God was helping David and was no longer helping him. As it is written, "Now Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, but had departed from Saul. 1 Samuel 18:12. We pray that all your foes will be afraid of you, and they will fall, never to rise again.

The Lord was with David, and he acted wisely and prospered in all his ways. David utilized godly wisdom and he succeeded in all his activities and undertakings; because of the support and assistance of the Lord; according to the Bible passage which says, "And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him." 1 Samuel 18:14. The heavenly wisdom made David achieve success in all He did. If you want to prosper in life, seek the wisdom of God. We pray that you will be given the godly wisdom that will make you to be recognized throughout the world; in Jesus name. Amen. Saul noticed how capable and successful David was; so, he stood in awe of him. When Saul observed that David was very successful, he dreaded him. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him." 1 Samuel 18:15. Are you behaving wisely in all your ways? Do you know that the wisdom of God will make people stand in awe of you? Seek the heavenly wisdom that will make you successful in the land of the living.

#### Keeping the law is wisdom

Anyone who is paying attention to the commands of God is wise. Whenever you listen carefully to the instructions of the Lord you are proving to the world that you are wise. Therefore, do not

squander your precious life; instead live a life of discipline and live wisely. It is inevitable for you not to neglect or reject the directives of the Lord; so that it shall be well with you. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it." Proverbs 8:33. Are you indirectly ignoring the instructions of the Lord? Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, you must never disregard the commands of God; so that you will be blessed.

Hence, keep the instructions of the Lord; because that is your wisdom and understanding in the sight of the unbelievers. Inasmuch as no other laws are as fair as the Laws of God; if you faithfully obey them, it will prove to the unbelievers that you are wise. If you practice the rules and the regulations of God; you will become wise and understanding; then people will refer to you as a great person who is wise; according to the scripture which says, "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." Deuteronomy 4:8. Whenever you obey God's commands; you are displaying heavenly wisdom and understanding.

For this reason, pay attention to advice and accept corrections; so that you can live sensibly. If you listen to counsel and accept discipline; you will be wise in the end. Anyone who receives instruction and is willing to learn will become wise one day; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days."

Proverbs 19:20. If you want to gain wisdom and be wise for the rest of your life; listen to advice and accept corrections.

Hence, any sensible person will show it by living right; and by being humble and wise in everything he/she does. Are you wise and understand God's way? Prove it by living an honorable life; and perform your good works with the humility that comes from

wisdom. Do you want to be counted as wise? Are you building a reputation for wisdom? Then, live well, live wisely and live humbly; because it is the way you live, not the way you talk that counts. The Book of James testified to this fact by saying, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom." <a href="James 3:13">James 3:13</a>. Do you know that humility is the proper attribute of true wisdom? Are you wise? If you are wise, demonstrate it by your good way of life, and show that your actions are done in humility. Your wisdom can be proven by your good conduct that exhibits your good deeds with gentleness and unobtrusive humility of true wisdom.

**Topic: The wisdom of God – Part 5** 

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#### **Wisdom from God empowers**

If humanity can think deeply, they will realize that the wisdom of God alone can empower them. If mankind can discern their future and ultimate fate; they will realize that their survival and success in the world depend on heavenly wisdom. Any knowledgeable person will realize that his/her present triumph is due to the assistance of the heavens and godly wisdom. Do not forget that the wisdom of God is a necessity for you because it is interwoven with your destiny; so before you take any action, make sure you understand what the final outcome will be.

The people of Israel defeated several Nations who were better equipped and had a larger number of warriors, on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. These Nations fail to see why they were defeated, and they cannot understand what happened. The people of Israel also did not realize that it is the assistance of God and His wisdom that gave them victory; if not, they will comprehend their future and not get involved in servicing foreign gods, that provoked God and made Him turn against them. As it is written, "Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" Deuteronomy 32:29. We pray that you will understand that whatever riches, success and fame that you have are due to the assistance and wisdom of God.

<u>Wisdom strengthened Joshua:</u> Wisdom is power, and it strengthens the wise people. Wisdom is a better protection for the people who are wise, and it will guide their steps. Wisdom can make anyone stronger than the most powerful leaders in their State. Wisdom is a better defense for the wise, and it does more for a person than what multiple rulers can do for a city. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "Wisdom strengthens the wise

more than ten rulers of the city." <u>Ecclesiastes 7:19.</u> Inasmuch as one wise person is stronger than ten leading citizens of a town; why not seek the wisdom of God today?

Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom and the people of Israel listened to him. Joshua was given the wisdom of God when Moses laid his hands on him and he kept the commands that the Lord gave to the people of Israel through Moses. Joshua was successful and honored by the people of Israel; not because Moses appointed him to be his successor, but because he was filled with wisdom of God. So, if you want to be highly respected and greatly esteemed; seek the wisdom of God. The Book of Deuteronomy corroborated the fact by saying, "Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hand on him; so that the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses." Deuteronomy 34:9.

God granted Solomon Wisdom: God gave Solomon exceptional wisdom and very great discernment. Solomon was brilliant, because God blessed him with insight and understanding. Solomon was given wisdom so he could understand many things, and knowledge too great to be measured, like the grains of sand on the seashore; according to the scripture which says, "And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore."

1 King 4:29. If you want wisdom and deep understanding seek the Lord.

The immense wisdom of Solomon made people come from the Nations of the world to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Kings all over the world heard about Solomon's wisdom and sent their ambassadors to listen to his teachings; according to the Book of Kings which says, "And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon," 1 Kings 4:34. Do you know that people will pay attention to you, if you have godly wisdom?

Solomon was the richest and wisest king in the world during his lifetime; because of the heavenly wisdom, knowledge and understanding that he received from the Lord. King Solomon was magnified above all the kings of the earth and he was greater than them in wealth and glory. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "So king Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom." 2 Chronicles 9:22; 1 Kings 10:23. It is time to seek the wisdom of God that can make you richer.

Wisdom brings success and glory: It should be noted that wise people have great power, and they are mightier than strong people. So, being wise is better than being strong; because wisdom brings strength and knowledge gives power; according to the Bible passage which says, "A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength." Proverbs 24:5. Do not forget that the wise are mightier than the strong; because wisdom brings success. It is profitable to be skillful and wise; because you will know what to do in any circumstance to obtain your desired goal.

Wisdom always prompts humans to plan ahead and being wise will make it easier for you to succeed. An example is if an axe is dull; if you don't sharpen it, then you must exert more force to cut wood/tree; but if you are wise, you will sharpen the axe and use lesser force. Which means wise people always succeed with less effort; according to the scripture which says, "If the axe is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success." <a href="Ecclesiastes 10:10">Ecclesiastes 10:10</a>. Remember that the advantage of wisdom is that it helps you succeed.

For this reason, the wise people will inherit honor and glory. Wisdom will make you to be praised among your peers. Be wise, if you want to gain an honorable reputation and good things; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools." <a href="Proverbs 3:35">Proverbs 3:35</a>. Live wisely, so that you will be rewarded with honor.

Finally, the only way for you to shine brilliantly like the cloudless sky, and glow like stars forever is to be wise; according to the Bible passage which says, "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." <u>Daniel 12:3.</u> Be wise to shine forever and inherit the kingdom of heaven.

The Seal: James 3:13: Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.