



&

Delight.



Teach Me to
Recapture...

Freedom

Joy

Peace

Rest

Wisdom & Delight

Hope

What are the SOURCES of wisdom people draw upon?



**OLDER
WISER**



A WHAT (or WHO) is Wisdom?

B What do you do if you LACK Wisdom?

C Is Wisdom ENOUGH?

D What is the Wisdom of GOD?

E How do YOU Become Wise?

F What is the connection between Wisdom and DELIGHT?

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Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,

31

rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

Who IS this? Wisdom. She's personified.

**(not an object to be acquired;
She's literally found within a person)**





V 5 you Can Learn prudence and sense

V 6 it is something you Hear.

V 8 to 9 it is straightforward

V 10, 11 it is more valuable than silver, gold, jewelry
(which is funny because I keep giving away my jewelry)

V 13 wisdom isn't a syrupy sweet Pollyanna. She Hates
evil, pride, arrogance, the way of evil.

V 14 wisdom HAS insight, HAS strength.

V 12, 17 wisdom Dwells with prudence and Finds
knowledge and discretion. I love those who love me.
Those who seek me diligently find me... what a promise!



What do you do if you LACK Wisdom?



5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God

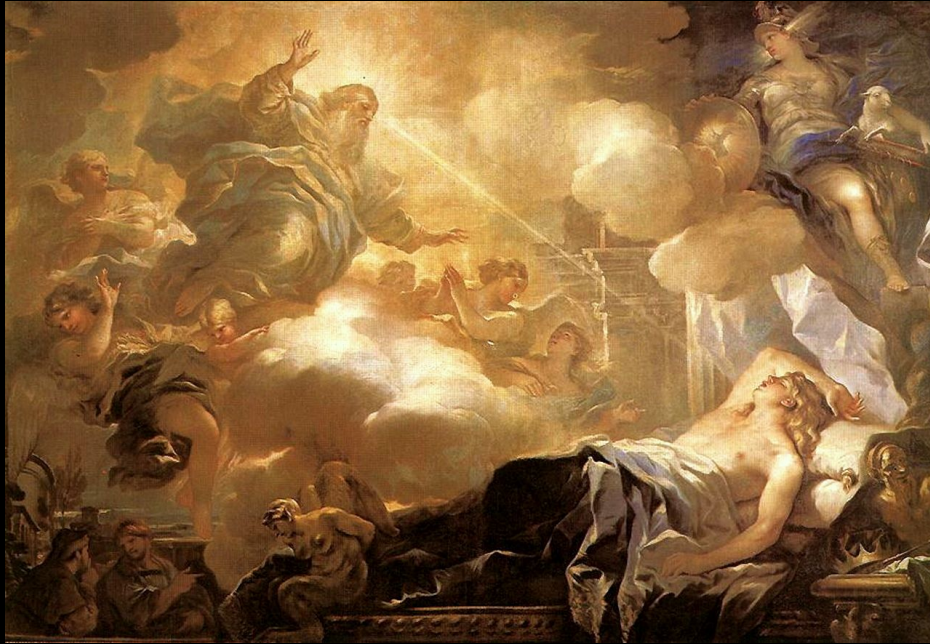
who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1

Is Wisdom ENOUGH?



Published Author (Wrote most of the Wisdom Literature in OT)

Scandalously Wealthy

Multiple Massive Construction Projects Domestically and Int'lly

And...700 Wives, 300 Concubines

His heart drifts to other gods. He has enemies. He dies of natural causes at 60

Ecclesiastes 8: 16

When I applied my mind to know wisdom and to observe the labor that is done on earth—people getting no sleep day or night— 17 then I saw all that God has done. No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all their efforts to search it out, no one can discover its meaning. Even if the wise claim they know, they cannot really comprehend it.

You can be WISE -- and STILL make foolish decisions.

You can be WISE -- and STILL not fully comprehend everything that goes on under the sun.

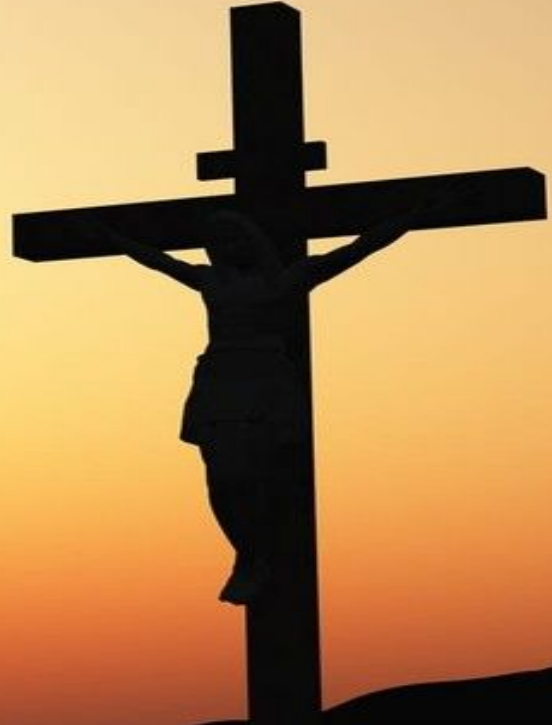
There are LIMITS to all human knowledge

There are LIMITS to us because we're HUMAN.

Wisdom Isn't Enough.

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. **22** Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**



25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. **1 Corinthians 1**

What, then, is the Wisdom of GOD?

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

This is the gospel

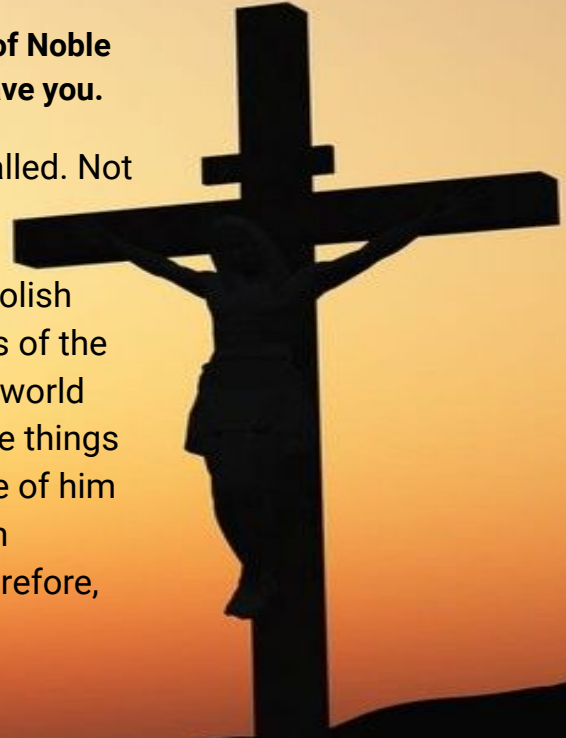
If you feel Foolish, Low, Despised, Decidedly NOT WISE... Not Powerful, Not of Noble Birth...
God chose to save you.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were

influential; not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **28** God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, **29** so that no one may boast before him. **30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. **31** Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

God chose to Find YOU IN CHRIST JESUS...
who became For US Wisdom from God...

1 Corinthians 1



We all need more wisdom and wish, like Solomon, we could ask for that and get everything else thrown in.

But the truth is, like Solomon, we chase the wrong things and get ourselves in trouble.

We seek after security. We want control. We want to build mini empires where we get to sit on thrones and rule.

But after all is said and done, Jesus becomes the wisdom of God for us. Jesus gladly exchanges places for us and takes on the shame of the cross. Gladly takes on all our debts, all our defects, all the punishment, wrath, and vilification we deserve.

And somehow decides to give in exchange for all of that, his righteousness. His status. His perspective. His point of view. His kindness. His capacity to receive God's favor.

It's foolishness to most, but it's the wisdom of God. To love and save us.

A WHO is Wisdom? (this personified being present at creation)

B What do you do if you LACK Wisdom? (ask God)

C Is Wisdom ENOUGH? (nope)

D What is the Wisdom of GOD? (Jesus crucified on a cross)

E How do YOU BECOME Wise?

F Where do you find DELIGHT?



After you've discovered



WHO wisdom is, HOW DO YOU



BECOME WISE YOURSELF?



You need to let Christ MOLD YOUR CHARACTER to become WISE.



More about CHARACTER than knowledge

More about FORMATION than information

Good conduct, Meekness

Peace-loving, Considerate, Submissive

Impartial, Sincere

Peacemakers are relational; peace isn't just an internal state of mind

Where do you find Delight?

DELIGHT...in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart...

Psalm 37:4

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find
DELIGHT

Psalm 119:35

I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.
I will walk about in freedom (7/4!),
for I have sought out your precepts...

I **DELIGHT** in your commands because I love them.

Psalm 119:44-47





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