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Wisdom is understanding His word

We all understand the importance of receiving God's Message from the scriptures. Today we revisit our bible to cover the salient points of the wisdom that God shares with us.



Understanding God's Word provides us with wisdom, wisdom that is not available from any other source. Today we are going

to ramble through the Old and the New Testament just to get a feeling for the strength that wisdom provides. The Word contains substance; it gives strength as Luke 4:32 KJV illustrates the power of God's Word: "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

God's Word is pure power and by following His word we share His power. The doctrine of Christ provides the strength we need to face the temptations of these

end times.

His word is powerful and complete as God tell us everything; He leaves nothing out as scripture tells His story from beginning to end. Mark 13:23 KJV points this out to us:

"But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things."

Through the apostles and the prophets we are told the complete story of God, His family and everyone they come in contact with.

Reading with understanding helps learn more about the

responsibility we share as a member of His family.

Our review takes us to Proverbs 1:2-4 KJV where God makes the connection between His Word and wisdom:

"[2] To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

[3] To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

[4] To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion."

We perceive His word to receive it; justice is taught and equity is provided as we learn to exercise discretion. Proverbs 11:9 KJV is a verse where God illustrates that knowledge enables us to prevail: "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered."

Receiving His Word places us in the company of the "just" that God always delivers. A neighbor who listens to the unlearned will be destroyed, spiritually. Proverbs 18:15 KJV describes what a learned person does: "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."

This knowledge that we "seeketh" and "getteth" only comes from God's Word and this explains the reason that your bible is the best selling book ever published; it is not wise to seek wisdom

elsewhere.

Earlier, Mark informed us that God's Word tells all and now in Mark 4:22-24 KJV he shows us how open Christ is; He shares everything with us:

"[22] For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

[23] If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

[24] And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."

God holds nothing back and ears to hear allows us to learn. Notice that He measures what we hear and absorb and this means: the more we hear with understanding, the more He will give us. We have no excuse for failure as slow learners will not be left out. James 1:5 KJV shows that God freely gives wisdom to

all that seek it: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Liberally means: if a person tries, they will not be left out. You ask; you receive... It is just that simple. God gives wisdom equally to all.

Rambling through the bible has been an enlightening experience as God shared a few ideas of wisdom with us. Our attempt to understand Him elevates us into a new person; Paul teaches this in Col. 3:10 KJV which reads: "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

We are made in His image and our effort to understand Him is rewarded with knowledge. This success makes us anew with Him; Christ delivers wisdom!

Have you set aside a few

minutes each day to seek wisdom?

Have you asked God to assist you to understand the scriptures better?

Will you invest the time and give your best effort to understand the letter that God has written to you? You will connect with Him!

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