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Men's Bible Study
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Tapping Into the Wisdom of God

All that God deemed essential knowledge for His children is found in His Word—the Bible. Knowledge is very important when it comes to living our daily lives. However, wisdom is just as if not more important if we are to live our lives in such a way that pleases and glorifies Almighty God.

- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

Wisdom and knowledge, both recurring themes in the Bible, are related but not synonymous. The dictionary defines *wisdom* as “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.” *Knowledge*, on the other hand, is “information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance.” Knowledge can exist without wisdom, but not the other way around. One can be knowledgeable without being wise. Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.

Read Proverbs 3:13; 4:7

- How important is having wisdom in our lives?

Read James 3:14–18

- What is the difference between “earthly wisdom” and the wisdom that comes from above.”?

Read James 1:5-6

- How do we tap into God's wisdom?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:30 and 1 Corinthians 2:16

- Where does true wisdom come from?

Read Psalm 119:97; 105; 15-16

- What is meditation?

- How important is meditating on God’s Word?

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, which is all about gaining understanding and wisdom from God’s Word. The word *meditate* is used five times in Psalm 119 and in various forms another fifteen times in the book of Psalms. Meditation is required to fully consider how to apply God’s Word in everyday life.

The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom. In that book, Wisdom calls for a listening.

Read Proverbs 1:22-23; 1:7

To have the “fear of the LORD” is to have an awed respect of who God is and a reverential trust in His Word and His character, and to live accordingly. When one is walking in the fear of the Lord, he or she is relying on God’s wisdom in the matters of everyday life and making whatever changes need to be made in light of God’s Word.

Read James 3:13

- According to this passage, how does one demonstrate wisdom?

Read 2 Timothy 2:15

Points to Ponder

In summary, to tap into God’s wisdom, we must diligently study God’s Word, meditate on the Word, pray for wisdom, seek it with all our hearts, and walk in the Spirit. God desires to give His wisdom to us. Are we willing to be led by that wisdom?

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