



“LORD, I Need Your Wisdom”
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1 Corinthians 2:1-9

Paul’s Message of Wisdom

1 When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn’t use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God’s secret plan.* 2 For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. 4 And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. 5 I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.*

6 Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. 7 No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. 8 But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. 9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”**

Wisdom is the ability to _____ correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on _____ and _____.

The first principle of _____ is that people should humble themselves before God in _____ and _____, obedient to His commands.

1) Paul’s Preaching Was _____.

2) We Have Access to _____.

Isaiah 65: 17-25

“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.

18 *Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!
And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness.
Her people will be a source of joy.*

19 *I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and delight in my people.*

*And the sound of weeping and crying
will be heard in it no more.*

20 *“No longer will babies die when only a few days old.
No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life.
No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!
Only the cursed will die that young!*

21 *In those days people will live in the houses they build
and eat the fruit of their own vineyards.*

22 *Unlike the past, invaders will not take their houses
and confiscate their vineyards.*

*For my people will live as long as trees,
and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains.*

23 *They will not work in vain,
and their children will not be doomed to misfortune.*

*For they are people blessed by the Lord,
and their children, too, will be blessed.*

24 *I will answer them before they even call to me.*

*While they are still talking about their needs,
I will go ahead and answer their prayers!*

25 *The wolf and the lamb will feed together.
The lion will eat hay like a cow.*

But the snakes will eat dust.

*In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain.
I, the Lord, have spoken!”*

Revelation Chapter 21

The New Jerusalem

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

1) Our Application of Divine _____.

1 Corinthians 2: 11-16

11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. 12 And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths. 14 But people who aren’t spiritual* can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. 15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. 16 For,*

*“Who can know the Lord’s thoughts?
Who knows enough to teach him?”*
But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.*

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 *“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord.
“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.
9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

Romans 11:33-35

33 *Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!*
34 *For who can know the Lord’s thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?**
35 *And who has given him so much
that he needs to pay it back?**