

# Words of Truth



## Godly Wisdom Is Undervalued By The Fools Of This World

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True wisdom comes from our Almighty God (Proverbs 2:6-7 and Colossians 2:2-3). However, it is foolishness that certainly abounds in our world. Most people follow the wisdom of this world without even considering that such wisdom is really foolishness (1 Corinthians 3:18-20). In following foolishness, people pervert their way (Proverbs 19:3). They feed on more and more foolishness (Proverbs 15:14). When foolishness abounds, as it does in all worldly circles, more and more foolishness gets proclaimed (cf. Proverbs 12:23). When wisdom is presented to foolish people they do not care to consider it (Proverbs 23:9). After the fool spends so much time reveling in foolishness, they cannot find wisdom even when it is right in front of them (Proverbs 17:24 and Proverbs 14:7).

With foolishness abounding, true wisdom isn't seen as a treasure. Since the world around us despises wisdom (Proverbs 1:7), we have to be sure we don't forget the value of true wisdom. Thus, our study in this article is presented to help us remind ourselves of how valuable wisdom truly is. We don't want to fall victim to the fools around us. We want to seek wisdom, as wisdom is certainly more valuable than most realize.

### Wisdom Is More Valuable Than Jewels and Precious Metals

So, how valuable is true wisdom? Here is what God says about the value of true wisdom: *"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour... Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it... How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver"* (Proverbs 3:13-16, Proverbs 8:10-11, and Proverbs 16:16)!

When talking about the value of something, people often seek to know what that thing can do for them. Well, this article will not be long enough for us to cover all that wisdom can do for us. However, we can consider just a few things wisdom will do for us, understanding that there are many things we will not cover. Here are some benefits of true wisdom: *"A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised... Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly... Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches... Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is,*

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*that wisdom giveth life to them that have it... And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure”* (Proverbs 12:8, Proverbs 15:21, Proverbs 24:3-4, Ecclesiastes 7:11-12, and Isaiah 33:6).

As we’ve noted already, the value of wisdom far exceeds all that we will be able to discuss in this article. However, any one of the points we’ve addressed thus far truly shows how great true wisdom is. Face it; we live in a world full of problems. Godly wisdom helps us deal with those problems (Philippians 4:6-7). Wisdom also gives us a kind of strength that far supersedes what people think strength is. We will take just a few moments to consider the strength of godly wisdom.

### **Consider The Strength Of Godly Wisdom**

The following Scriptures show us the strength that comes with wisdom: *“A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof... A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength... Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city... Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good... For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness”* (Proverbs 21:22, Proverbs 24:5, Ecclesiastes 7:19, Ecclesiastes 9:18, and Colossians 1:9-11).

When you are able to overcome many things because you are wise, you cannot lose sight of the true source of wisdom. We do not gain wisdom so that we can glorify ourselves. Those who are truly wise understand that such wisdom has to be coupled with humility (Proverbs 15:33).

### **Wisdom With Humility**

With wisdom we’ll overcome our enemies, gain salvation, and have an understanding of things the world cannot see. We could easily become proud and arrogant with wisdom. Thus, we have to remember to be humble (James 4:6-10), even when we are wiser than others (Psalms 119:97-99). We must make sure that we don’t start glorying in our wisdom (Jeremiah 9:23). We have to remember who the true source of our wisdom is (Ecclesiastes 2:26) and give glory to Him (I Corinthians 10:31).

### **Conclusion**

People of the world often think they have everything figured out. What people of the world do not understand is that even the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men (I Corinthians 1:25). In fact, God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise of this world (I Corinthians 1:27). When someone rejects God’s word they prove they lack wisdom (Jeremiah 8:9). Let’s make sure it is godly wisdom, rather than fleshly wisdom, that we follow (II Corinthians 1:12). Through the Scriptures, we are able to make ourselves wise (Psalms 19:7 and II Timothy 3:15). God said: *“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding”* (Proverbs 4:7). Thus, let’s not be as the world in undervaluing godly wisdom.