



## Our Stunning God is Wise

**Question:** When the Bible does not specifically address something how do we figure out which direction to go, which decision to make? ...audible voice? ...dice? ...take a poll?

### Some working definitions:

- **Intelligence:** capacity for critical thought and insightful, objective evaluation.
- **Knowledge:** content and amount of truth or facts known.
- **Wisdom:** ability to skillfully apply knowledge to life and obtain godly outcomes.
- **Abundant life is:**
  - Living for the highest ends: God's glory and other's edification.
  - Using the fittest means: God's methods and God's timing.
  - Reaping the best rewards: The nearness of God and maturity.

### God is intelligent, knowledgeable, and wise.

- His intelligence: Infinite capacity for critical thought and right conclusions.
- His knowledge: Perfect knowledge of all that was, is, will be, could have been.
- His wisdom: Perfect ability to apply knowledge to reality and gain His outcomes. Always choosing the highest ends and using the fittest means to achieve His ends.
- Psalm 104:24

### God's wisdom is available to us.

- Proverbs 2:20-23.
- Naïve, scoffers, and fools:
- A wise person: great ability to apply knowledge to life and gain godly outcomes.

### Practically, how does it work to gain God's wisdom?

- Clearly **define** the decision to make or the problem to solve.
- **Reflect and study** passages in the Word and principles that apply.
- **Ask**, "What most glorifies God and most edifies others?"
- **Listen** to godly counselors.
- **Pray** for clarity.
- **Listen** for God's guidance through the Holy Spirit. John 16:12-15.

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- John 10:10b: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 17:5: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 1:7a: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 1:7b: \_\_\_\_\_

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# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

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Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas. A spiritual journal would be an excellent way to record your thoughts and prayers:

- **Today.** Please read John 10:10 and reflect on the question, “Honestly, do I define abundant life the way Jesus defines abundant life?”
- **Monday.** Please read Matthew 17:5 and reflect on the question, “Honestly, is there evidence that I faithfully listen to Jesus?”
- **Tuesday.** Please read Psalm 104:24 and reflect on the question, “How is the wisdom of God evidenced in creation?”
- **Wednesday.** Please read Proverbs 2:20-23 and reflect on the question, “How do I need to listen to God’s wisdom—what can I practically do?”
- **Thursday.** Please read John 16:12-15 and ask, “How does the Spirit teach me?”
- **Friday.** Please read Proverbs 1:7a. How can you cultivate the fear of the Lord?
- **Saturday.** Please read Proverbs 1:7b. Honestly, are you humbly teachable?

*“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You,  
“Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.” Psalm 27:8*

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