

# “THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF WISDOM”

## PROVERBS 2:6-9

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INTRO: What do you think of when you hear the word “**WISDOM?**” Who do you think of when you hear the phrase, “**A VERY WISE MAN?**” Perhaps those expressions cause us to think of some great counselor, scientist, or philosopher. And, rightly so, particularly if we use the words “**WISDOM**” OR “**WISE**” in the worldly sense. But the fact of the matter is, in the biblical context, one needs not be a great counselor, scientist, or philosopher to have wisdom. **WISDOM IS A CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY CHRISTIAN, AND A QUALITY GOD DESIRES EVERY CHRISTIAN TO HAVE AND MAINTAIN!** Remember, the theme of the Book of Proverbs is **WISDOM**. The whole book is given to us in order that we may know, understand and seek wisdom as we mature in the Christian life. In light of that, as a Christian, **ARE YOU A WISE PERSON?** That is God’s intent for you and me and thus it is a good thing for us to learn more and more about this great quality in order to please God in this world where HUMAN FOOLISHNESS attempts to rein in all walks of life.

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THE DEFINITION OF BIBLICAL WISDOM:

- 1) In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for WISDOM is “KHOKHMAH,” and can be literally translated as “the power of judgment,” “insight,” and/or “piety toward God.”
- 2) In concept, WISDOM is **THE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF US AND WHAT WE CONVERSELY OWE TO GOD.**
- 3) In short, WISDOM is **BIBLICAL INSIGHT FOR DAILY LIVING.**

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**I. THE RESOURCE OF WISDOM VS. 6**

- A. Godly Wisdom does not come from the World.  
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; James 3:13-16
- B. Godly Wisdom does come from God, and God Alone!  
- God alone gives WISDOM (Daniel 2:21) and it comes to us “OUT OF HIS MOUTH,” according to our text. So, **WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR GAINING GODLY WISDOM?**
  1. Step one: Studying the Word of God – Job 22:22
  2. Step two: Yielding to the Spirit of God – 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
  3. Step three: Seeking the Wisdom of God – James 1:5-8

NOTE: APART FROM THE ABOVE THREE STEPS, THE CHRISTIAN WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE THE WISDOM OF GOD!

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION: GOD IS YOUR RESOURCE FOR ALL THE WISDOM YOU NEED!

## **II. THE RECIPIENTS OF WISDOM VSS. 7,8**

### ***THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS***

TWO IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATION ONE:

- 1) Wisdom is not given to the non-regenerate.
- 2) Wisdom is not given to the carnal believer.
- 3) Wisdom is not given to the uncommitted Christian.

**WISDOM IS GIVEN ONLY TO THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS!**

**OBSERVATION TWO:**

-Note the phrase, "SOUND WISDOM" in verse 7. The word "SOUND" in this text refers to that which is "HEALTHY" and "SAFE." The point is the WISDOM God gives to the RIGHTEOUS SAINTS is **SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY AND SECURE**. That is, IT BUILDS CHRISTIAN MATURITY!

A. Who Are the Righteous Saints?

1. Those who Possess True Faith in God. (Personal Salvation)
2. Those who Practice True Faith in God. (Practical Dependence)

B. What is God's Personal Promises of Wisdom to the Righteous Saints?

(THESE PROMISES RELATE TO THE PRACTICAL, NOT JUST TO THE POSITIONAL PROVISION OF GOD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS SAINTS).

1. He is their "Buckler." That is, God shields the righteous saints from Satanic Destruction.
2. He is their "Keeper." That is, God guards the path of the righteous saints from Satanic Disruption.
3. He is their "Preserver." That is, God secures the way of the righteous saints from Satanic Dissolution.

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**APPLICATION: GOD GIVES SPECIAL CARE TO THOSE OF HIS WHO RECEIVE HIS WISDOM!**

### **III. THE RESULTS OF WISDOM VS. 9**

#### ***DIVINE UNDERSTANDING***

- A. An Understanding of Righteousness – Moral righteousness motivated, not by the letter of the law, but by the love for God.
- B. An Understanding of Judgment – Correct discernment on human actions.
- C. An Understanding of Equity – The quality of personal upright demeanor or honorable actions.

**THE RESULT OF WISDOM BECAUSE OF UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUDGMENT AND EQUITY IS "EVERY GOOD PATH." THAT IS, EVERY HUMAN COURSE OF ACTION IS RIGHT WHEN WISDOM IS APPLIED!**

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**APPLICATION: IS WISDOM AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE?**

**LESSON: WITHOUT DIVINE WISDOM, ONE WILL MAKE COLOSSIAL MORAL AND SPIRITUAL MISTAKES. WITH DIVINE WISDOM, ONE WILL ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST!**