

The Gift of Wisdom

The Gifts of God - Week 13 (2-7-23)

2 Chronicles 1:6-12

I. Accessibility of Wisdom

- A. Proverbs 1:20 - She cries out in the streets
 - 1. Wisdom is the principle thing - Proverbs 3:13
 - 2. Proverbs 8:22-35 - Wisdom was there from the beginning
- B. Colos. 2:3 - "In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
 - 1. Hid FOR you not FROM you
 - 2. 1 Corin. 1:30 - "...Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom..."
 - a) Wisdom for most of N.T. is the greek word "Sophia," meaning comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God.
- C. James 1:5 - Just ask in faith
- D. Eph. 1:15-19 - "...give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation..."
 - 1. Col. 1:9-13
- E. 1 John 2:20 - "...ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."

II. The Beginning of Wisdom

- A. Prov. 1:7 and 9:10 - Proper posture and perspective
- B. Wisdom is available but must be sought after in humility.
 - 1. Information does not equal wisdom!
- C. Wisdom begins with a humble recognition of God as your source of truth. - Selfless not Selfish
- D. Accurate perception is key
 - 1. Truth is absolute and nothing. Can change it, but your perception of truth determines how that truth impacts you.
 - 2. Jon defined wisdom as seeing things from God's perspective.
 - a) Another way to define wisdom is to accurately perceive the true nature of things.
 - b) Wisdom is valuing the things that God values, and making decisions based on that.
 - 3. We must keep our own limitations and biases from muddying our perception.
 - 4. Wise decisions are made by always keeping God's will and purposes in mind.

III. Wisdom by the Spirit/The Mind of Christ

- A. 1 Corin. 2:6-16
 - 1. If wisdom is accurately perceiving the true nature of things and seeing them from God's perspective, then having access to the very Spirit of God is having access to all wisdom.
 - 2. "...that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."
 - a) Why is it so important that we know what we have been given?
- B. 1 Corin. 12:7-11
 - 1. 3 Types of Spiritual Gifts

- a) Revelation Gifts
- b) Speaking Gifts
- c) Power Gifts
- 2. Word of Wisdom
 - a) Function prophetically?
 - (1) Prophecy - Reveals things that are hidden
 - (2) Prophecy - Strengthens (edification, exhortation, comfort)
 - (3) Prophecy - Corrects/Warns
 - (a) Can wisdom be applied in these three areas?

James 3:13

We use the word Wisdom as a descriptive word, but it really boils down to action. We know someone is wise by their conduct; by how they act and react, and by their ability to take present action based on a sense of foreknowledge.