

True Treasure:

Seeking Wisdom from God



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Day 1

Seeking God's Creative Wisdom

If you desired a relationship with someone you loved deeply, would you have created an entire world to walk closely with that person? If you were faced with the problem of restoring a broken relationship with that person, could you ever have imagined the solution of the cross? Yet God, who made the earth by His power and founded the world by His wisdom, did just that. He has understanding and creativity that stretch far beyond our own, and His ways are always imaginative and unexpected. Our creative God has blessed us with the ability to think creatively, too!

How can you use that creativity to think in new ways? How can you solve the problems in your own life and in the lives of others by learning to think creatively to find imaginative solutions? The God whose understanding stretched out the heavens has given you the ability to think in creative ways. Ask God to show you His plan for your creative mind. You may be amazed at the gifts He reveals you—and you may be even more amazed at how He uses those gifts to accomplish His purposes.

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*But God made the earth by his power;  
he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out  
the heavens by his understanding.*  
Jeremiah 10:12  
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- **What does it reveal about God that He used His wisdom to restore His relationship with us?**

- **What is one way you can use your God-given wisdom and creativity to bring glory to Him?**

Day 2

Seeking Wisdom for Your Daily Life

Imagine you were given the opportunity to ask for anything you wanted. What would be your request? King Solomon was given this one-of-a-kind opportunity to ask God for anything, and he asked for wisdom to lead well. God was pleased with this unselfish request. So He not only gave Solomon his heart's desire, but He also blessed Solomon with wealth, possessions, and honor. Solomon became so well known for his knowledge and understanding that people came from all over the ancient world to seek his wisdom.

We are also invited to ask God for wisdom. He promises to fulfill this request by giving generously. Do you need God's wisdom in a challenging situation? Ask Him! Do you need His wisdom so you can advise and help others? Go before the throne of the all-knowing Creator of the world! As you ask for wisdom, you can trust that God will answer with loving generosity.

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you.*

James 1:5

- **If you could ask God for anything, would you ask for wisdom? Why or why not?**

- **What is one area of your life where you need to ask God for wisdom? Ask Him for it now!**

Day 3

Seeking Wisdom in Your Speech

Wise words have the power to hurt or to heal. You have likely experienced both the blessing of healing words and the devastation caused by reckless speech. Our words can either bring life and refreshment to others or pierce the hearts of those we care about. It all depends on the words we choose.

We can learn much from the book of Proverbs about being wise with our words. Read this verse again. Then think about how your speech affects others. Do you need to speak less and listen more? Do you need to seek God's wisdom before you speak? Ask God to allow your words to reflect His wisdom so that every word you speak may be life-giving to those around you.

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*The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

Proverbs 12:18  
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- **Think of a time when you weren't wise with your words. How did that impact your relationships?**

- **Now think of a relationship that you can begin to restore by using wise words. Ask for God's wisdom as you write a letter or text to that person to begin the healing process.**

Day 4

Seeking Wisdom in Your Relationships

Every day is filled with interactions with others. Some are quick and peaceful. It is easy to respond wisely in these situations. But sometimes these interactions are filled with emotion. We feel hurt, angry, or fearful, and we react by allowing our strong emotions to pour out in our words and actions. These emotional reactions damage our relationships, breaking trust and creating division. But God has called us to nurture our relationships, and we need His wisdom to make them fruitful.

Think about a close relationship in your life. Do you respond wisely when situations get tense? Or do you react emotionally? What effects do your reactions have on this relationship? Ask God to help you to pause and seek His wisdom when those moments arise, as they do in every long, close relationship. Reacting may feel good in the moment, but we must respond wisely, showing mercy and gentleness, if we want to harvest peace in our relationships.

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*But the wisdom that comes from heaven  
is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate,  
submissive, full of mercy and good fruit,  
impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace  
reap a harvest of righteousness.*

James 3:17–18

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- **Think of a time you reacted instead of responding wisely. As you look back, do you see a better way to handle that situation? What would you have done differently?**

- **Now think of someone who is close to you. What is one way using God's wisdom help to strengthen that close relationship? Try it now!**

Day 5

Seeking God's True Wisdom

True wisdom has many benefits. When we trust and obey God and follow His will for our lives, we can find joy in even difficult situations and experience peace even when the world around us is in chaos. Living wisely is not just being resourceful and intelligent; it is walking closely with God so that our lives reflect His wise ways.

We may seek to grow in wisdom, but we often do not take practical steps toward obtaining it. God's Word is filled with the wisdom we need. So seek God's wisdom! Choose to read a proverb each day and try to memorize it. Add a request for wisdom to your daily prayers. Look for opportunities throughout the day to live out godly principles. As you seek to walk closely with the Lord, wisdom will never be far away.

*Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance.*
Proverbs 1:5

Day 6

Seeking God's Wisdom in Your Thinking

God is the source of all wisdom, and His thoughts are beyond our comprehension. As His image-bearers, we are blessed with amazing brains that we can use to reason, create, problem-solve, and imagine. When we ask for God's wisdom and direction, He promises to guide us to serve others and to bring honor to Him. However, when we seek to solve our problems relying solely on our own thinking, our thoughts are often selfish and our solutions may lack significance. But God has redeemed our souls, and He also redeems our minds so we can use our intelligence for His purposes. He invites us to use our reason and creativity to contribute to His work!

Using your God-given intelligence well takes prayer and practice. Ask God where He would like you to exercise your creativity and problem-solving abilities to serve your family and your community. Ask Him to help you to discover new abilities. As you learn to seek God's guidance in your thinking, He will help you to understand His ways and follow them. Accept God's invitation to reason with Him and learn what it means to love Him with all your heart, with all your strength, with all your soul—and with all your mind.

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.*
Isaiah 55:8

Day 7

Seeking God's Wisdom with Questions

We can be thankful that our everlasting God knows the answers to all of our questions. He does not grow tired or weary—no matter how many times we ask Him “Why?” or “How?” His understanding is unfathomable, and we can always trust that His ways are good. He welcomes our questions as He calms our fears and provides assurance in our doubts. He guides us to discover His wisdom and His truth.

Though God's wisdom is always best, asking questions can help you to gain wisdom from others as well. Questions can eliminate confusion, allow you to show interest in the thoughts and ideas of others, strengthen your relationships, encourage creative thinking, and guide a conversation in the way you would like it to go. All of these things can help you to solve problems. So ask God for wisdom and ask questions! When you allow God to guide you, you can learn to ask questions that will help you to solve problems. Ask Him to share His unsearchable understanding.

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*Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of  
the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.*  
Isaiah 40:28  
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- **What are some questions you have for God? Make a list and share them during your quiet time with Him.**

- **What answers did He provide? Write those down next to your questions as a reminder that He is faithful and generous in giving wisdom.**

Day 8

Seeking God's Discernment for Your Needs

We are blessed to worship a wise God whose ways we cannot discover and whose judgment is always right. He is our helper in times of need, and He knows the direction our lives will go. We go to Him with our requests for comfort, healing, and guidance. We ask Him to meet our needs and heal our brokenness. We often ask Him to solve our problems, but we do not often praise Him for the rich gifts He has given us to solve problems with His help.

Do you have a problem that needs to be solved? Instead of asking God to solve it, ask Him to give you the wisdom to think of new solutions and the discernment to know what to do. Invite Him to do His work in you and through you. When your life is in the hands of the unsearchable God, He will transform your heart and mind to see new ways to use the riches He has given you. Praise Him for His goodness—and follow Him as you search for truth and solutions.

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*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom  
and knowledge of God! How unsearchable  
his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*  
Romans 11:33  
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Day 9

Seeking God Alone

More precious than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with wisdom. Nothing. Think about what you value in your life: health, good relationships, security of a good job, safety. All these are good things to desire. Yet God says we should desire wisdom above all else. Why?

He tells us to desire wisdom more than anything in life because He is wisdom. When we ask for wisdom, we are asking for more of Him. Spend time this week thinking about what you really desire. Then set aside the things that are secondary and seek God alone for who He is. He promises that those who seek Him will find Him—and find life.

*For wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.*
Proverbs 8:11

Day 10

Seeking God's Perspective for Your Problems

Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where we do not know where to turn. We may have a disagreement with someone and do not know how to resolve it. Or we have a need and no way to meet it. Or we see injustice and have no idea of how to fight it. These types of situations can make us feel hopeless and helpless. But God gives us wisdom.

His Word assures us that when we seek Him, He will give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Sometimes when we face difficulties, we forget to ask God to open our eyes to see creative ways of resolving them. Think of situations in your life where you need a new perspective. Ask God to give you creative wisdom. Trust that He will give what you need!

*For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth
come knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs 2:6*

Day 11

Seeking His Wisdom as Your Treasure

How many books have been written about the hunt for hidden treasures? How much money has been spent in the search for lost riches? The world places a high value on the acquisition of wealth. Proverbs tells us that God places a high value on something else, His wisdom.

God's wisdom is so valuable that you should seek it as a treasure. Ask Him for His wisdom and then work to understand what He has given to you. Read these verses from Proverbs 2. Notice all the things God calls us to do: accept His words, store up His commands, listen to wisdom, apply and understand it, ask for insight and understanding, look for it as hidden treasure. Wisdom does not come without work on our part. Seek God and He will help you.

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*My son, if you accept my words and store up  
my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom  
and applying your heart to understanding—  
indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud  
for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will  
understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge  
of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth  
come knowledge and understanding.*

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Proverbs 2:1–6

- **Think about something that you value highly. How much time and effort do you devote to the pursuit of it?**

- **Now think of the pursuit of God's wisdom. Ask God to show you if you devote enough of yourself to this pursuit. Then choose to make His wisdom a higher priority in your life.**

Day 12

Seeking Wisdom through Time with Jesus

When we face situations where we need wisdom, we often rely on ourselves. We make our decisions based on our own ideas or experiences. However, because we tend to react with anger or selfishness, relying on ourselves often leads to a worse situation due to our selfish or angry reactions. It is also easy to seek advice from those who will tell us what we want to hear instead of seeking godly advice.

God says that He will freely give us wisdom from above—from Him. In James' description of wisdom, notice that many of these qualities are also listed as fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This is because they flow from the One whose very nature incorporates these qualities. Scripture also tells us that Jesus became wisdom for us (1 Corinthians 1:30). As we seek to know Jesus more deeply, we will become more like Him and will show these qualities as well. Spend time this week in the presence of Jesus, the wisdom of God.

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*But the wisdom from above is first of all pure.  
It is also peace loving, gentle at all times,  
and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy  
and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism  
and is always sincere.*

James 3:17, NLT

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- **Think about a time when your self-reliance made bad a situation worse. How might you have reacted differently if you had sought God's wisdom in that situation?**

- **As you spend time with Jesus this week, ask Him to show you those qualities He wants build in your life. Write these down and commit to praying for the wisdom to allow Him to transform your life.**

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