

# Key Scripture

## The Goal of Wisdom

### Hebrews 5:11-14 NASB

“Concerning him ( Jesus) we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”

## The need to grow in wisdom

### Luke 2:52 NIV

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

## The Value of Wisdom

### Proverbs 3: 13-18 NIV

“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,  
for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.  
She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.  
Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

## Deep Understanding

### Exodus 31:1-5 NIV

Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with **wisdom**, with **understanding**, with **knowledge** and with all kinds of **skills**—to **make artistic designs** for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.

## The Recipe is not the Point

### Micah 6:6-8 NIV

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

## Satanic Temptation

### Genesis 3:1-7 NIV

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the

garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;.....”

## **Other Useful verses**

### **Ask for Wisdom**

#### **James 1: 5-8 NIV**

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. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

### **Solomon Asks for Wisdom**

#### **I Kings 3: 7-9 NIV**

“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

### **You can study the scriptures and still not gain wisdom --**

#### **John 5:39-40 NIV**

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

### **Don't listen to other voices if God has made His clear and you're confused**

#### **Proverbs 3:5 NIV**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

### **The Recipe is not the Point**

#### **Isaiah 29:13 NIV**

“Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,”

## Sermon Notes

### **Wisdom:** Discerning between Good and Evil

**Goal Verse:** Hebrews 5:11-14 NASB

Wisdom is a concept or \_\_\_\_\_ process

Wisdom is a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ acquired through a process of thought and experience.

Wisdom brings **power, clarity,** and \_\_\_\_\_ to our daily walk.

Wisdom's value cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.

The two foundational elements of wisdom are Deep \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A cook has \_\_\_\_\_ and skill.

A cook uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to know what to do.

The cook's goal is to gain \_\_\_\_\_ of a rote, paint-by-number process.

A chef only needs an \_\_\_\_\_ to get started.

A chef has wisdom and \_\_\_\_\_

A chef reaches past mastery to \_\_\_\_\_

Recipes are distilled \_\_\_\_\_

The Recipe was never meant to become the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

What God really wants from us is to act \_\_\_\_\_, love \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk humbly with our God

Insight allows us to \_\_\_\_\_ the game.

Rote performance of scriptural recipes will never be enough to satisfy your need or God's desires.

Sermon Notes cont.

We need wisdom because of \_\_\_\_\_ and Choices.

1. Persuasive Argument or Sales Job

- a. Initiate \_\_\_\_\_ and gain rapport
- b. Overcome \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Make an \_\_\_\_\_

2. Satan needs the person he is tempting to lack \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Consideration coupled with Lust

- a. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Life

When evil is prevalent and a chorus of voices beg for your attention then \_\_\_\_\_ is your best hope.

It's not how much you know but how much you \_\_\_\_\_ that makes the difference.

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**Wisdom:** Discerning between Good and Evil

**Goal Verse:** Hebrews 5:11-14 NASB

Wisdom is a concept or **abstract** process

Wisdom is a **trait** or **ability** acquired through a process of thought and experience.

Wisdom brings **power, clarity,** and **freedom** to our daily walk.

Wisdom's value cannot be **overstated**.

The two foundational elements of wisdom are Deep **understanding** and **insight**.

A cook has **knowledge** and skill.

A cook uses a **recipe** to know what to do.

The cook's goal is to gain **mastery** of a rote, paint-by-number process.

A chef only needs an **idea** to get started.

A chef has wisdom and **understanding**

A chef reaches past mastery to **artistry**

Recipes are distilled **wisdom**

The Recipe was never meant to become the **center** of our faith.

What God really wants from us is to act **justly**, love **mercy** and to walk humbly with our God

Insight allows us to **change** the game.

Rote performance of scriptural recipes will never be enough to satisfy your need or God's desires.

Sermon Notes cont.

We need wisdom because of \_\_\_**voices**\_\_\_ and Choices.

1. Persuasive Argument or Sales Job
  - a. Initiate \_\_**conversation**\_\_ and gain rapport
  - b. Overcome \_\_**objections**\_\_
  - c. Make an \_\_\_**offer**\_\_
  
2. Satan needs the person he is tempting to lack \_\_**understanding**\_\_ and \_\_**insight**\_\_.
  
3. Consideration coupled with Lust
  - a. Lust of the \_\_**eyes**\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Lust of the \_\_\_**flesh**\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The \_\_**pride**\_\_\_\_\_ of Life

When evil is prevalent and a chorus of voices beg for your attention then \_\_**wisdom**\_\_\_\_\_ is your best hope.

It's not how much you know but how much you \_\_\_**understand**\_ that makes the difference.

THE WORLD

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SATAN'S MATRIX OF LIES

GOD'S TRUTH

Satan's sell jobs	God's Truth	Reference
Judge by appearances	Judge by the heart	Heb 4:12-13
Cursed are the poor	Blessed are the poor	Matt5:3
Blessed are the physically healthy	Blessed are the spiritually healthy	Rom 1:1-2
Blessed are the spiritual rulers	They are like whitewashed tombs	Matt 23:27
Uncleanness comes from outside	Uncleanness comes from inside	Matt 5:21-28
Sin based on action (adultery)	Sin based on attitude (lust)	Matt 5:21-28
Climb the ladder to rulership to be served	Descend the ladder to rulership in order to serve (who washes whose feet?)	Luke 22:26; John 13:13-17
Grow up into independence	Grow down into dependence (child-like)	Matt 6:27-34
Use willpower and sweat to achieve (works righteousness)	Grace and surrender to achieve (holiness)	Rom 12:1-2
First-first/last-last	First-last/last-first	Matt 19:28-30
Honor myself and grow in pride	Honor God and grow in humility	James 4:10
Blessed are those who are spoken well of and honored	Beware when all men speak well of you – blessed are the persecuted	Matt 5:10-12
The powerful inherit the earth	The meek inherit the earth	Matt 5:5
The persecuted mourn	When persecuted rejoice	Matt 5:10-12
When persecuted retaliate (eye for eye/tooth for tooth)	When persecuted forgive and pray for the persecutor (turn cheek)	Matt 5:38-44
Fear those who can destroy the body	Fear the One who can destroy the soul	Matt 10:28; Heb 10:31
Love friends – hate enemies	Love friends AND enemies	Matt 5:43-48
Wealth is gold and silver (treasure on earth)	True wealth is spiritual (treasure in heaven)	Matt 6:19-21
Gain wealth by acquiring	Gain true wealth by giving away	Luke 6:38
Worried about many things (food, clothing, shelter)	Do not worry about provision for (your Father knows you need these things)	Matt 6:25-34
100% > 90%	90% > 100% if we tithe to God	Proven Concept
Broad is the way to salvation (New Age – all roads lead to the top)	Narrow is the way to salvation (No one comes to the Father except through the Son)	John 14:6

Save life to save life	Save life by losing it	Luke 9:23-26
Suffering should be avoided	Suffering which is voluntary and results from obedience to God should be embraced (Take up your cross)	Matt 16:24
Glorification = being exalted	Glorification = crucifixion	John 7:39; 12:23
Jesus healed by the power of Beelzebub	Jesus healed by the power of God	Matt 12:23-29; John 11:41-44
Kings are born in palaces	The King was born in a stable	Luke 2:7
The king's troops fight in the physical realm	The King's troops fight in the spiritual realm	John 18:36; Rev19:11-16
The king kills his enemies	The King died for His enemies	Rom 5:6-10

The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matt 6:22,23)

If your spiritual eyes are healthy and keen so that you can see through Satan's matrix of lies to God's Truth, then your spiritual body will be filled with Truth (light). And you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free from Satan lies (transforming you from false to True). But if you are spiritually blind, you will see Satan's matrix of lies as truth. Then how bad will your condition be. Since we become what we behold, your spiritual body will grow ever darker.