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Kingdom Wisdom

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Wisdom Realities for Kingdom Living and Praying!

Part 1: (Realities 1-5)

Wisdom Defined:

- A. The _____ use of knowledge
- B. The _____ of people or situations accompanied by unusual discernment and judgment in _____ with them.
- C. To know _____ you're _____ and to know _____ to get there.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:

JAMES 1:2-5 (NIV)

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

PROVERBS 8:12, 22-23, 30-31 (NLT)

¹²"I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment..."²²The LORD formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else. ²³I was appointed in ages past, at the very first, before the earth began... ³⁰I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence. ³¹And how happy I was with the world he created; how I rejoiced with the human family!"

ECCLESIASTES 9:13-15A (NIV)

¹³I also saw under the sun this example of wisdom that greatly impressed me: ¹⁴There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siegeworks against it. ¹⁵Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise, and he saved the city by his wisdom....

PROVERBS 4:7 (NIV)

Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Ten Wisdom Realities for Kingdom Living and Praying

1. Reality One:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

The _____ of a human being or diety.

The unitary personality of _____ that _____
the divine and human _____.

Timeless Insight . . .

“Creation in itself, without reference to the Almighty Spirit from which it sprung, is formless and without order—a mass of chaotic objects, of whose uses we are ignorant and whose destiny we cannot imagine. It is only when its visible glory leads our minds to its unseen Author, and we regard it as a manifestation of Divine Wisdom, that we can truly comprehend its character and designs.”

—George Ripley

COLOSSIANS 2:3 (NLT)

In [Christ] lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (NLT)

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:24 (MSG)

But to us who are personally called by God himself—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one.

PSALM 104:24 (MSG)

What a wildly wonderful world, GOD! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

LUKE 2:40 (MSG)

There the child grew strong in body and wise in spirit. And the grace of God was on him.

2. Reality Two:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

A _____ of a pilgrim. One who is on a spiritual journey. The _____ of one's _____ on earth.

Timeless Insight . . .

“There is no short cut, no patent tramroad to wisdom; after all the centuries of invention, the soul’s path lies through the thorny wilderness which must be still trodden in solitude, with bleeding feet, with sobs for help, as it was trodden by them of old time.”

—George Eliot

PROVERBS 13:20 (NLT)

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

PROVERBS 15:24 (NLT)

The path of life leads upward for the wise; they leave the grave behind.

PROVERBS 4:11-12 (MSG)

I’m writing out clear directions to Wisdom Way, I’m drawing a map to Righteous Road. I don’t want you ending up in blind alleys, or wasting time making wrong turns.

PROVERBS 14:8 (MSG)

The wisdom of the wise keeps life on track; the foolishness of fools lands them in the ditch.

PSALM 119:45 (MSG)

And I’ll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom.

HOSEA 14:9 (NLT)

Let those who are wise understand these things. Let those with discernment listen carefully. The paths of the LORD are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them. But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

3. Reality Three:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ for Wisdom

_____ Defined:

The act of employing _____ to obtain something; a continuing _____ one engages in toward achieving an _____.

PROVERBS 9:9 (NLT)

Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more.

PROVERBS 14:8 (NLT)

The wise look ahead and see what is coming, but fools deceive themselves.

PROVERBS 15:2 (NLT)

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness.

PROVERBS 23:15 (NLT)

My child, if your heart is wise, my own heart will rejoice!

COLOSSIANS 4:5 (NLT)

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

PSALM 119:15 (MSG)

I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you, I attentively watch how you've done it.

4. Reality Four:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

One who _____; one who guards as to prevent harm or injury; one who _____ from injury, damage or destruction.

PROVERBS 2:11 (NLT)

Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

PROVERBS 2:12 (NLT)

Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted.

PROVERBS 14:16 (NLT)

The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.

PROVERBS 24:6 (NLT)

So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.

PROVERBS 2:10-11 (MSG)

Lady Wisdom will be your close friend, and Brother Knowledge your pleasant companion. Good Sense will scout ahead for danger, Insight will keep an eye out for you.

5. Reality Five:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

To look _____; to see clearly. The capacity to _____ things in their _____ relationship or relative importance to other matters.

PSALM 49:3 (NLT)

For my words are wise, and my thoughts are filled with insight.

PSALM 129:24 (NLT)

Your laws please me; they give me wise advice.

PROVERBS 12:16 (NLT)

A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.

PROVERBS 13:16 (NLT)

Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness.

PROVERBS 15:31 (NLT)

If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.

PROVERBS 22:17-18 (NLT)

¹⁷Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. ¹⁸For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips.

AfterThoughts

Ponder Points:

Discuss (or ponder) why we define Wisdom as the Person of Jesus Christ. Why is wisdom pictured as a pilgrimage and a pursuit rather than simply spontaneous occasions of momentary insight or discernment?

Prayer Points:

Because wisdom is defined as a “protector,” pray for specific individuals that you know who need wisdom in order to

protect them from making wrong choices. Pray the same for those in authority whether local, national, or international.

**Ten Wisdom Realities for Kingdom
Living and Praying!**

Part 2: (Realities 6-10)

Timeless Insight . . .

“Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and of these two comes the third, and that is a marvelous delight in God, which is love. Where truth and wisdom are, truly there is love, truly coming from them both, and all are of God’s making.”

—Julian of Norwich

6. Reality Six:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

A series of _____ or operations leading to an end; continuing activity that _____ toward a desired conclusion; gradual _____ that lead to a particular result.

PROVERBS 4:5 (NLT)

Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them.

PROVERBS 15:5 (NLT)

Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.

PROVERBS 15:33 (NLT)

Fear of the LORD teaches wisdom; humility precedes honor.

PROVERBS 19:20 (NLT)

Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.

PROVERBS 19:8 (MSG)

Grow a wise heart—you'll do yourself a favor; keep a clear head—you'll find a good life.

7. Reality Seven:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

To make _____; to free someone from guilt or moral

_____; remove from undesirable elements.

PSALM 51:6 (NLT)

But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being.

EPHESIANS 5:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁵So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (NLT)

⁹)So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰)Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

JAMES 3:17 (MSG)

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced.

JAMES 3:13 (NIV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

8. Reality Eight:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

Something _____; the result of a process; something resulting or necessarily following from a set of _____.

PROVERBS 1:2 (NLT)

The purpose of these proverbs is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

PROVERBS 3:35 (NLT)

The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!

PROVERBS 6:6-8 (NLT)

⁶Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! ⁷Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, ⁸they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.

PROVERBS 12:18B (NLT)

... the words of the wise bring healing.

PROVERBS 15:7A (NLT)

The lips of the wise give good advice...

PROVERBS 16:23 (NLT)

From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive.

PROVERBS 17:27 (NLT)

A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered.

PROVERBS 21:20 (NLT)

The wise have wealth and luxury...

PROVERBS 21:22 (NLT)

The wise conquer the city of the strong and level the fortress in which they trust.

PROVERBS 29:8 (NLT)

Mockers can get a whole town agitated, but the wise will calm anger.

ECCLESIASTES 8:1 (NLT)

How wonderful to be wise, to analyze and interpret things. Wisdom lights up a person's face, softening its harshness.

9. Reality Nine:

Wisdom is a _____ !

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

A measuring _____ (or measurement) to determine if something is exactly _____; a line that has a weight at one end to determine the exact vertical _____ of a measurement.

ECCLESIASTES 12:11 (MSG)

The words of the wise prod us to live well. They're like nails hammered home, holding life together. They are given by God, the one Shepherd.

PROVERBS 24:5 (NLT)

The wise are mightier than the strong, and those with knowledge grow stronger and stronger.

PSALM 19:7 (NLT)

The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

PROVERBS 11:14 (NLT)

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

PROVERBS 13:14 (NLT)

The instruction of the wise is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death.

JAMES 3:13 (NLT)

If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

10. Reality Ten:

Wisdom is a _____!

The _____ of Wisdom

_____ Defined:

Something exceptionally _____; a thing highly _____ or esteemed; that which is deeply _____.

PROVERBS 14:24 (NLT)

Wealth is a crown for the wise; the effort of fools yields only foolishness.

PROVERBS 20:15 (NLT)

Wise speech is rarer and more valuable than gold and rubies.

ECCLESIASTES 7:11 (NLT)

Being wise is as good as being rich; in fact, it's better.

DANIEL 12:3 (NLT)

Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

PROVERBS 16:16 (NLT)

Get wisdom—it's worth more than money; choose insight over income every time.

AfterThoughts

Ponder Points:

Discuss (or ponder) specific fruit you have seen as the result of God giving you or someone close to you unusual wisdom to handle a situation. How do you think we can “grow a wise heart” as suggested in Proverbs 19:8?

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