

# Hearing God 1

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### 4 Pillars of Hearing God's Voice

1. The Wisdom of God
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### THE WISDOM OF GOD

**Proverbs 4:6-8** – <sup>6</sup> Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. <sup>7</sup> Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. <sup>8</sup> Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. **NIV**

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

**Proverbs 16:16** - How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver! **NIV**

### Where to Find Wisdom

**Job 28:12-23** – <sup>12</sup> But where, oh where, will they find Wisdom? Where does Insight hide? <sup>13</sup> Mortals don't have a clue, haven't the slightest idea where to look. <sup>14</sup> Earth's depths say, "It's not here"; ocean deeps echo, "Never heard of it." <sup>15</sup> It can't be bought with the finest gold; no amount of silver can get it. <sup>16</sup> Even famous Ophir gold can't buy it, not even diamonds and sapphires. <sup>17</sup> Neither gold nor emeralds are comparable; extravagant jewelry can't touch it. <sup>18</sup> Pearl necklaces and ruby bracelets — why bother? None of this is even a down payment on Wisdom! <sup>19</sup> Pile gold and African diamonds as high as you will, they can't hold a candle to Wisdom. <sup>20</sup> So where does Wisdom come from? And where does Insight live? <sup>21</sup> It can't be found by looking, no matter how deep you dig, no matter how high you fly. <sup>22</sup> If you search through the graveyard and question the dead, they say, "We've only heard rumors of it." <sup>23</sup> **God alone knows the way to Wisdom, he knows the exact place to find it. The Message**

- Wisdom is the application of knowledge.
- Wisdom teaches you the lesson before you make the mistake.
- Wisdom is the ability to make decisions that remove regret from the equation.
- We are "knowledge rich" and "wisdom poor."

## FEAR OF THE LORD

**Job 28:28** - And he said to man, **'The fear of the Lord-that is wisdom**, and to depart from evil is understanding."

**Psalm 111:10** - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. **NIV**

- Until God is **FIRST** in our lives, we will mute the voice of **HIS WISDOM**.
- God will not be **SECOND**.
- The wisdom of God is **DISCOVERED** by making God **FIRST** in our lives.

"When you make yourself **NUMBER 1**, your life becomes **NUMBER 2**."

**Romans 12:1-2** – <sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your **bodies** as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world or don't let the world squeeze you into its mold, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is** — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## WISDOM OF GOD vs THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD

**I Corinthians 2:6-16** - <sup>6</sup> We do, however, **speak a message of wisdom** among the mature, but not **the wisdom of this age** or of **the rulers of this age**, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we speak of **God's secret wisdom**, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— <sup>10</sup> but God has revealed it [His Wisdom] to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> We have not received **the spirit of the world** but **the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand** what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by **human wisdom** but in words **taught by the Spirit**, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. <sup>14</sup> The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: <sup>16</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**. **NIV**

**I Corinthians 1:18-25** - <sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup>

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish **the wisdom of the world**?<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God **the world through its wisdom did not know him**, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.<sup>22</sup> Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**.<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

- The wisdom of the world DOES NOT KNOW OR ACKNOWLEDGE GOD.
- The wisdom of the world DOES NOT RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

**Romans 1:28-31**-<sup>28</sup> And even as **they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge**, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;<sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers,<sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,<sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **NKJV**

**The WISDOM OF GOD requires DEPENDENCE UPON GOD.**

**I Corinthians 1:26-31** –<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.<sup>27</sup> But God chose the **foolish** (*Morons*) things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the **weak** (*Comatose*) things of the world to shame the strong.<sup>28</sup> He chose the **lowly things** (*ignoble*) of this world and the **despised** (*least esteemed*) things — and the things that are not (invisible) — to nullify the things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.<sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, **who has become for us wisdom from God** — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.<sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." **NIV**

- The wisdom of the God is defined by a dependence upon God.
- The wisdom of the world is defined by a dependence on SELF.

**Proverbs 3:5-10** –<sup>5</sup> Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.<sup>6</sup> Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.<sup>7</sup> Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!<sup>8</sup> Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!<sup>9</sup> Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best<sup>10</sup> Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. **The Message**