

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Romans 11:33-36 “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.” Isaiah 55:8-9 “‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Quote: Failure to faithfully and fervently plead that God will give you wisdom reveals prideful self-sufficiency.

The two Greek words for wisdom mean “insight into the true nature of things” and “the ability to discern modes of action with a view to their results.”¹ Knowledge refers to the *awareness* of information. Wisdom refers to discernment, application, and *constructive* use of information.² Knowledge comes from study and reason. Wisdom is God-given *practical* use of knowledge to achieve an end; it is functional and purposeful. For example: An individual can attain *knowledge* of the Word of God, but he must have God-given *wisdom* to apply Bible principles to the obstacles and opportunities of life in order to bring about the best result for God’s glory. Mere knowledge—even knowledge of God’s Word—can be used with evil intent as evidenced by Satan’s use of the Word to tempt Christ (Matt.4:6), and by the abuse of Scripture by the Pied Pipers of a health-and-wealth counterfeit gospel in our day.

Like all of His attributes, God’s wisdom transcends our ability to remotely comprehend it. So superior is God’s wisdom, that He is described as the sole possessor of wisdom. Romans 16:27 “*To God only wise*, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.” I Timothy 1:17 “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to *God who alone is wise*, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” Jude 24-25 “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless

Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To *God our Savior, Who alone is wise*, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.”

Comparing Alexander Graham Bell’s primitive phone that communicated from one room to another with the “smart phones” of today that communicate around the world would be a far easier task than comparing man’s most complex inventions to God’s creation of the “simple cell,” or the atom. Yet the “worldly wise” mock Divine design in favor of an expansion of matter at extremely high density and temperature from an unknown source for unknown reasons that led to the emergence of “primitive life” followed by a series of undirected genetic mutations over millions of years that culminated in man! Lucky us! The truth is that “the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’; and again, ‘The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’”³

God is Wise!

Not only is God the supreme example of wisdom, He is the source of all true wisdom. Daniel boldly declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, *For wisdom and might are His*. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.”⁴ Job asked, “From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? *God understands its way, And He knows its place*. And to man He said, ‘Behold, *the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom*, And to depart from evil is understanding.’”⁵ Like Job, the godliest man of his day, we fall far short in our understanding of God’s wisdom. Let us go before the throne of grace throughout each day, asking for the wisdom that He has promised so that we might grow in our understanding of Who He is, and glorify Him in our thoughts, words and deeds.⁶

1 Vines 2 I. Hodges 3 I Cor.3:19-20 4 Daniel 2:20-21 5 Job 28:20, 23, 28 6 Job 38-42; James 1:5-8