

**Wisdom the Key to Favor**

**Wisdom & Favor Go Hand in Hand**



**THE POWER OF GOD'S FAVOR:**

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- **Wisdom determines The Favor that you walk in!**





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**Luk 2:52** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



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## •Wisdom determines your health

**Pro 3:7** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

**Pro 3:8** It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

health





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## Wisdom determines your Wealth

**Pro 3:13** *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.*

**Pro 3:16** *Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.*

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## Wisdom determines your Wealth

**Pro 8:18** Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation, and right standing with God).

**Pro 8:21** That I may cause those who love me to inherit [*true*] riches and that I may fill their treasuries.

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**Wisdom determines your Length  
of days**

**Pro 9:11** For by me [*Wisdom from God*] *your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.*



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**Wisdom determines How much you are Honored by God and Man!**

**Pro 4:7** The beginning of Wisdom is: get Wisdom (skillful and godly Wisdom)! [*For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.*] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (*discernment, comprehension, and interpretation*). [*James 1:5.*]

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**Wisdom determines your success  
in Life!**

**Pro 4:8 (AMP)** Prize Wisdom highly and exalt her, and she will exalt and promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her.

**Pro 4:9** She shall give to your head a wreath of gracefulness; a crown of beauty and glory will she deliver to you.



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## Wisdom is the Secret to Successful Marriages & Families!

**Pro 24:3 (AMP)** Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [*on a sound and good foundation*],

**Pro 24:4** And by knowledge shall its chambers [*of every area*] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.



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**Act 6:8** Now Stephen, full of grace (divine blessing and favor) and power (strength and ability) worked great wonders and signs (miracles) among the people.

**Act 6:9** However, some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (freed Jewish slaves), as it was called, and [*of the synagogues*] of the Cyrenians and of the Alexandrians and of those from Cilicia and [*the province of*] Asia, arose [*and undertook*] to debate and dispute with Stephen.

**Act 6:10** But they were not able to resist the intelligence and the wisdom and [*the inspiration of*] the Spirit with which and by Whom he spoke.





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**Wisdom is Gods Solution to all of  
Life's problems!**

**Jas 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*



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There are Three types of Wisdom?

## Gods Wisdom Heavenly

**1Co 2:6 (AMP)** Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a *[higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden);*

**1Co 2:7** But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden *[from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God-[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].*

WISDOM FROM ABOVE



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What are the Three types of Wisdom?

## Mans Wisdom Earthly

**1Co 2:4** And my speech and my preaching *was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

**1Co 2:5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.





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**Mat 16:21** From that time forth Jesus began [*clearly*] to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and the high priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised from death.

**Mat 16:22** Then Peter took Him aside to speak to Him privately and began to reprove and charge Him sharply, saying, God forbid, Lord! This must never happen to You!

**Mat 16:23** But Jesus turned away from Peter and said to him, **Get behind Me, Satan! You are in My way** [*an offense and a hindrance and a snare to Me*]; for you are minding what partakes not of the nature and quality of God, but of men.



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## Devilish Wisdom

**1Co 2:6 (GODS WISDOM)** *it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.*



**16 For where envying and strife is,  
there is confusion and every evil work.**

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## Fruits of Earthly & Devilish Wisdom

**Jas 3:14** But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of and false to the Truth.

**Jas 3:15** This [*superficial*] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), **even devilish (demoniacal)**.

**Jas 3:16** For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition), there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil and vile practices.





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## Fruits of Gods Wisdom

**Jas 3:17** But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). *[It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).*

**Jas 3:18** And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God's will in thought and deed) is *[the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for and make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].*

Wisdom  
from Above

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## How can I Receive Gods Wisdom?

**The First way to receive Gods wisdom is to pray for it!**

**Jas 1:5** If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [*Who gives*] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.

**Jas 1:6** Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.



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**1Ki 3:12** Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

**1Ki 3:13** And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

**1Ki 3:14** And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.





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**The Second way to receive Gods Wisdom is Through the laying on of hands for Ministry.**

**2Ti 1:6** That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [*gracious*] gift of God, [*the inner fire*] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [*with those of the elders at your ordination*].

**2Ti 1:14** Guard and keep [*with the greatest care*] the precious and excellently adapted [*Truth*] which has been entrusted [*to you*], by the [*help of the*] Holy Spirit Who makes His home in us.

THE LAYING ON OF  
**HANDS**



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**Exo 31:2** See, I have called by name Bezaleel (*in the shadow of God*) the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

**Exo 31:3** And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

**Exo 31:4** To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

**Exo 31:5** And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

The Ark of the Covenant



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**Those in the Bible who were full of the Holy Spirit were also known for wisdom.**

**Act 6:3** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

**Act 6:5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

**Act 6:6** Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their hands on them*





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**Joshua received the Spirit of Wisdom when Moses Laid his hands on him for Ministry.**

**Num 27:18** And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom *is the spirit*, and lay thine hand upon him;

**Num 27:19** And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

**Num 27:20** And thou shalt put *some of thine honor upon him*, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

**Deu 34:9** And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.



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**The Third way to receive Gods Wisdom is  
Through Studying the Word of God.**

**Psa 119:98** You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies, for [*Your words*] are ever before me.

**Psa 119:99** I have better understanding and deeper insight than all my teachers, because Your testimonies are my meditation.  
[*II Tim. 3:15.*]

**Psa 119:100** I understand more than the aged, because I keep Your precepts [*hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them*].



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**Pro 2:1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,**

**Pro 2:2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,**

**Pro 2:3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,**

**Pro 2:4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,**

**Pro 2:5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.**

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

