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TOPIC: **EXHORTATION ON WISDOM**

TEXT: **PROVERBS 4:7**

*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding (Proverbs 4:7).*

Without the wisdom of God in operation in a believer's life, there will be a lot of confusion and unanswered questions. The wisdom of God gives heavenly solution to every human question or problem. The wisdom of God teaches patience, hope and endurance.

Sources of Divine/Heavenly Wisdom:

1. Jesus Christ Himself – Proverbs 2:6 declares: *“For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding”* – this simply means that Jesus Christ is the source of our wisdom as believers. 1 Corinthians 1:30 declares: *“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom...”* As long as you are born again, Jesus Christ lives in you. If you give him the chance to express himself in you, he will manifest the wisdom of God through you, for Jesus Christ is made unto us wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30).
2. The Word of God – Constant study and meditation on the word of God brings wisdom (Proverbs 4:20-22; 2 Timothy 2:15; Joshua 1:8). The word of God is the wisdom of God and the wisdom of God (which is Jesus Himself – 1 Corinthians 1:30) is the light of men (John 1:1-5). Psalm 119:130 declares: *“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple”*. Psalm 119:105 declares: *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a*

*light unto my path*". The more you study and meditate on God's word, the more of the wisdom of God you will display.

3. The fear of God (Proverbs 2:1-5) – Psalm 9:10 declares: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding*". The fear of the Lord is to hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). The more you fear God, the wiser you become (Proverbs 1:7). The fear of God prolongs days (Proverbs 10:27); if you want long life, fear God. The fear of God brings prosperity (Psalm 34:9). He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous (Proverbs 2:7).

4. Wise counsel and wise company – "*For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety*" (Proverbs 24:6). Proverbs 13:20 declares: "*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed*". If you walk with the wise, you will be wise but if you walk with fools, it will not be long before you become a fool (1 Corinthians 15:33). No wonder the word of God says in 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1 "*be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...*"

5. Growing in the things of God – Hebrews 5:12-14 declares: "*For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*". As you grow and mature in the things of God, your wisdom is sharpened.

6. Soul winning – He that winneth souls is wise! (Proverbs 11:30)

7. The gift of the Spirit – Among the gifts of the Spirit is the word of wisdom. The word of wisdom is the supernatural display of the wisdom of God by the Holy Spirit in a particular situation through a child of God. The word of wisdom was at work all through the life and ministry of Jesus. When he was asked in Mark 12:14 "*Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?*" (to catch him in his words – Mark 12:13), Jesus through the word of wisdom answered in Mark 12:17 "*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's*" to their marvel. Also, the word of wisdom

was at work in King Solomon when he requested to divide a baby in half to find out who really owned the baby (1 Kings 3:16-28). The word of wisdom could be displayed while in difficult circumstances; while teaching or preaching the word of God; or in any other situation as the Spirit of God chooses. The gift of the word of wisdom is to them that ask (Matthew 7:7; James 1:5). Solomon asked for wisdom and he was given liberally.

8. A life of purity, peace, gentleness, mercy, good fruits, impartiality and void of hypocrisy (James 3:14-17)

9. Experience – The word of God declares in Psalm 90:12 *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”*. Genesis 30:27 declares: *“And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake”*. God teaches us wisdom through experience – earthly experiences (Ecclesiastes 1:16, Romans 5:3-5). *“What you do not learn from God through obedience, you learn through experience”*. It is always better and wiser to learn through obedience than through experience. Experience can bring a lot of pain but obedience brings a lot of gain. It is easier and more convenient to walk in disobedience than to walk in obedience but it is safer and wiser to walk in obedience. Wise people take God at His Words and do not wait to be taught the hard way.

I pray that the wisdom of God will continue to be your portion all the days of your life. It is well with you and the works of your hand!

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