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The Difference Between “Intelligence” and “Wisdom”

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (HCSB)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God’s power to us who are being saved.

¹⁹ For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the experts.

²⁰ Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn’t God made the world’s wisdom foolish?

²¹ For since, in God’s wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached.

²² For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom,

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.

²⁴ Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is God’s power and God’s wisdom,

²⁵ because God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers, consider your calling: Not many are wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth.

²⁷ Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

²⁸ God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something,

²⁹ so that no one can boast in His presence.

³⁰ But [it is] from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became God-given wisdom for us—[our] righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,

³¹ in order that, as it is written: The one who boasts must boast in the Lord.

It’s one thing to be _____¹ to acknowledge that God is _____
_____,² but it’s another to be wise enough to live in a manner that doesn’t ever
_____³ to question it.

Isaiah 48:13 (NIV)

¹³ My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.

Isaiah 40:22 (CEV)

²² God is the one who rules the whole earth, and we that live here are merely insects. He spread out the heavens like a curtain or an open tent.

We may be intelligent enough to _____⁴ the greatness and sovereignty of God as
_____,⁵ but are we _____⁶ to allow this fact to have power in our lives and
respond to it as the _____?⁷

What, in _____,⁸ can an entity capable of spreading out the heavens like a curtain do in _____?⁹

And yet, for some strange reason, most of us spend _____¹⁰ trying to prove how _____¹¹ (by questioning what we *so easily concede*) than we do _____¹² enough to act on it.

Why is it so many people are intelligent enough to acknowledge that God is always, completely trustworthy _____,¹³ but not wise enough to do it _____¹⁴?

Proverbs 1:1-7 (HCSB)

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
² For learning what wisdom and discipline are; for understanding insightful sayings;
³ for receiving wise instruction [in] righteousness, justice, and integrity;
⁴ for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and discretion to a young man—
⁵ a wise man will listen and increase his learning, and a discerning man will obtain guidance—
⁶ for understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the wise, and their riddles.
⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 1:20-23 (NIV)

- ²⁰ Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares;
²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:
²² "How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?
²³ If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.
³² For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

Proverbs 2:1-6 (NIV)

- ¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,
³ and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 3:13-24 (NIV)

- ¹³ Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.
¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;
²⁰ by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.
²¹ My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight;
²² they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

²³ Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble;
²⁴ when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Proverbs 4:5-9 (NIV)

⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them.
⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.
⁷ Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.
⁸ Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you.
⁹ She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor."

Proverbs 15:33 (NIV)

³³ The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Jeremiah 29:13 (HCSB)

¹³ You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

If you have _____, ¹⁵ it does reveal some critical information about you - the _____ ¹⁶ and the truth about the _____ ¹⁷ between you and God.

Difficulty trusting God reveals a _____ ¹⁸ in your _____.¹⁹

Difficulty trusting God _____ ²⁰ a deficit in your intentional time for worship.

Jesus already did the hard part – He paid your _____ ²¹ Now you just need to follow... _____ ²²

Nothing less than _____ ²³ (in submission) is acceptable... it's a sign of _____ ²⁴

When you can finally _____ ²⁵ every day, you will no longer be living in the intelligence (_____ ²⁶) that God is always, completely trustworthy... you will be _____ ²⁷ with the _____ ²⁸ that never pauses to question it.

This is what God created _____ ²⁹ to _____ ³⁰.

There is a _____ ³¹ between Them regarding you and whether or not you are _____ ³² you were created to accomplish.

John 16:13-14 (NCV)

¹³ But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth. He will not speak his own words, but he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is to come.

¹⁴ The Spirit of truth will bring glory to me, because he will take what I have to say and tell it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take what I have to say and tell it to you.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Romans 8:12-17 (HCSB)

¹² So then, brothers, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh,
¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children,

¹⁷ and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

May the words "____³³," "____³⁴," and "____³⁵," be the words you use to describe me whenever You speak my name or talk about me.

Is that what ____³⁶ in your heart ... are these the objectives that ____³⁷ to you?

____³⁸ will never be an _____³⁹... real worship is a _____⁴⁰!

This... should _____⁴¹ as we enter time in worship.

This... is the _____⁴² for those _____⁴³ that will leave you spent, experiencing the _____⁴⁴ that can only come from being in the _____⁴⁵.

_____⁴⁶ there is always a way to _____⁴⁷ than it was yesterday – because we will never be able to account for all of _____⁴⁸.

1. _____ (_____)⁴⁹

2. _____ (_____)⁵⁰

3. _____ (_____)⁵¹

Anything less is _____⁵²

Anything less is _____⁵³

Anything less will leave you _____⁵⁴ to use your _____⁵⁵ to find your _____⁵⁶ and requires you to _____⁵⁷ as you go.

ANSWERS:

1. intelligent enough
2. always, completely trustworthy
3. pause
4. concede
5. fact
6. wise enough
7. truth
8. your imagination
9. your life
10. significantly more time
11. intelligent we are
12. demonstrating wisdom
13. on Sunday
14. Monday through Saturday
15. difficultly trusting
16. depth of your trust
17. current connection
18. deficit
19. submission
20. unquestionably reveals
21. price of admission
22. in submission
23. your everything
24. trust and respect
25. give it all away
26. the knowledge
27. functioning
28. wisdom
29. you
30. experience with Him
31. constant vigilance
32. living out the purpose
33. my own
34. sold out
35. authentic
36. aches
37. matters most
38. Real worship
39. inconvenience
40. pursuit
41. always be our attitude
42. recipe
43. authentic worship experiences
44. peace and contentment
45. presence of perfection
46. Show up believing
47. make it better
48. God's greatness
49. deny yourself
50. pick up your cross
51. follow Me
52. unacceptable
53. disobedient
54. without a relationship
55. own intelligence
56. own way
57. questioning everything