

The Wisdom House

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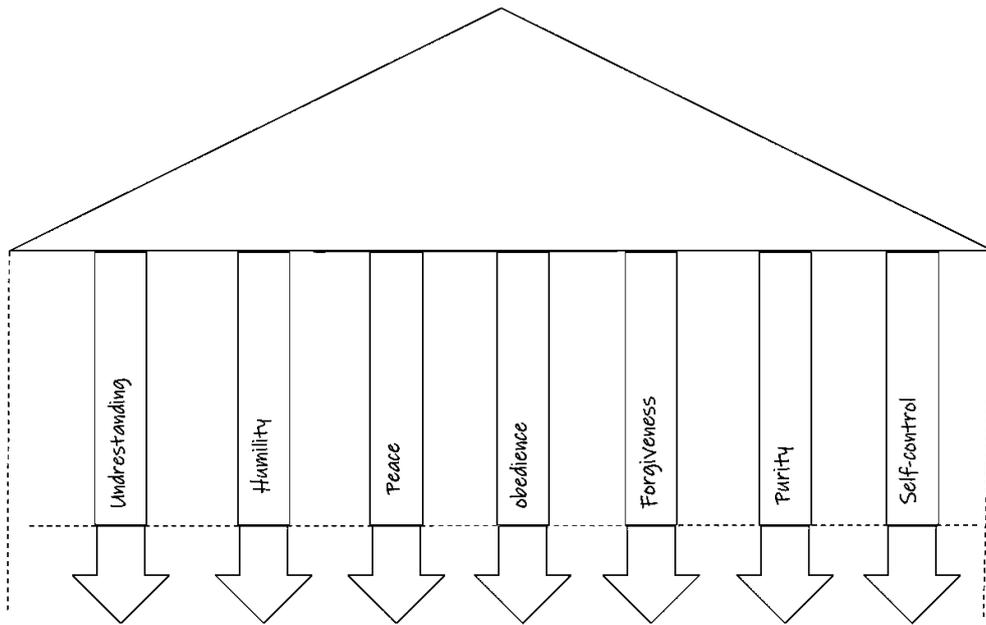
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Introduction

Wisdom is life; wisdom is food; wisdom is everything we need today and tomorrow. I want to introduce you to a piece of this wisdom in this short book. The mystery of wisdom is not a secret; perhaps it was most revealed after Jesus born. We need discernment to know what the wisdom of this world is and what the real wisdom is. The truth is that the Spirit will make us wise and understand what it truly means to know God. Do you want to know more? Are you seeking wisdom on earth? This short book is for you then, and you'll be able to build your inner life wisdom house. Take the lead as you are going to explore more.

The year 2022 has started hectic. I was praying last night - and reading from the book of proverbs chapter 9. Asking God for big things is just a thing I'll do each year. 'The wisdom house' dropped in my thought. Did I ask, why not wisdom? It is a big thing indeed. In my post, "Why do I need more wisdom?" I explained the why behind it. What we need more this year is supernatural wisdom, more of it, the complete definition of wisdom ultimately will be found in Christ only; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of the wisdom for us. The house of wisdom has seven pillars; they are stand next to each other, firm and steady. The wisdom house might not look good if one of the pillars are fallen, but we try to do our best in every aspect of our lives as much as we can to keep them strong. If you are curious like me about what are the sevens? Let's go to explore more about them.

In the below figure, in the wisdom house, as you can see, the broken horizontal line is love, and the two broken vertical lines on two sides of the house are Faith. The love that connects the pillars and the Faith shows how tall and strong your wisdom house is. Just a reminder, your wisdom house might be slightly different, but the core stones should be the same.



Understanding

The very first thing we need is understanding. It seems knowledge and understanding are parallel, working alongside each other, but perhaps they are two different things. In the first pillar comes understanding; we can refer to it as both natural and spiritual understanding. The word "understanding" comes 156 times in the Bible (King James Version). The Old Testament gives us 134 times and the New Testament 22 times. What really makes *understanding* important that every human being needs that? The kind of understanding that is far from our understanding - we cannot explain it; if we can define it, most possibly won't fit in spiritual understanding. The heaven understanding can be understood in the Holy Spirit cloth. Until then, we have a better view of the world around us. Of course, the natural one given to us has a place to grow and improve. I can see and understand the world around me through a natural and general understanding of the world. In Jesus, we can find the ultimate understanding.

Jesus himself talks about understanding a couple of times during his ministry; the most outstanding is found in Mark 12: 33, where he said: "...love God...with all your **understanding**..."

Understanding is an ability, in one definition of oxford dictionary means 'the particular way in which somebody understands something.' If you can understand somebody and something difficult, you are wise! But understanding without a deeper level of spiritual understanding is a surface understanding. It is like a piece of wood on water; we can see and understand the wood won't go unto water, and it is floating on water along the river, but we do not know where this piece of wood will stop floating. This way, we do not understand why bad things happen to good people? With the help of spiritual understanding, we know and trust everything is in God's control, even we do not understand why things happened or where that piece of wood of our life will land.

Pray: God, I need the heaven understanding; above all other earthly things, I seek you to solve the not-knowing things. Please teach me your wise words, let me understand how to love me and others to create an atmosphere of belonging. In your Name, Amen.

Humility

The pillar of Humility which King Solomon talks about is found in his book of Proverbs chapter 11 verse 2 "*When pride comes, then comes disgrace,*

but with humility comes wisdom." Merriam-Webster merely defines humility as "freedom from pride or arrogance: the quality or state of being humble."

James even gives us advice that "*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you in due time.*" James 4:10. Being humble is a wise action that a true follower of Christ will do, serving others humbly and making sure everyone is first. Christianity.com article '*what is the meaning of humility? Why should we be humble?*' gave us five brilliant verses about humility:

To enter God's presence, we must come humbly to the throne: 1 Peter 5:6.

God says the meek shall inherit the earth: Matthew 5:5.

The proud are cast down and will be humbled: James 4:10.

When we are humbled or even when we suffer, we need to remember we will ultimately reign with Christ: 2 Timothy 2:12.

Jesus even humbled Himself; therefore, we should also have the mind of humility: Philippians 2:5-11.

Take your ground with humility because it is one of the stones of the wisdom's house. C.S Lewis once said, "*Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.*" You lose nothing, but you gain favour and grace that God is all in all in everything.

Pray: Make me humble, Lord; mould me be a better human. I leave behind all bitterness in me that I can be close to you, one step closer to being like you. I am wise with you. Thank you for making me new. In your Name, Amen.

Peace

It is one of the most used words in the Bible, "peace". 420 times you can see the "peace" word in the Bible. Why is peace so important? Not only for our private life also for the world. Without peace, we are dead humans. We are at war with ourselves and the world. Peace is a glue that sticks the people together. Perhaps there was a God in the name of "peace" in ancient times- how such an important and vital stone of wisdom most people won't follow? We know and learn that peace is a hard and tough topic that all countries are trying to reach. We have the Holy Spirit peace within us. Unfortunately, the engine of peace is not on in all of us. We closed our hearts' doors with a shout of justice we forgot about "what is peace, really?"

Wikipedia page of peace says peace is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence. In a social sense, peace is

commonly used to mean a lack of conflict (such as war) and freedom from fear of violence between individuals or groups."

God of heavens and earth knows we are weak; we need a peace that we can have wisdom; it is an ingredient food of nations that every household needs one. So, where there is no violence, war or conflict, there is peace- but this is not complete and won't be. Biblystudytools.com tells us, "The biblical concept of peace is larger than that and rests heavily on the Hebrew root *slm*, which means "to be complete" or "to be sound." It means to be whole and to live well. It continues, "The Old Testament anticipated, and the New Testament confirmed, that God's peace would be mediated through a messiah, Peace with God came through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." Perhaps God sent his peace to the world; the Word was Peace and Peace came to the world. The true and ultimate peace is in Jesus; all other things are short, earthly and fallen grace.

Jesus said: " I have told you these things, so that in me you may have **peace.**"
John 16:33

Pray: Your Shalom will be upon me. I am calm and confident when your Holy Spirit led me through the challenges. Keep calling me Jesus, and I am home whenever you love me. In your Name, Amen.

Obedience

The Sunday school song obedience; the song says, "Obedience is the best way to show that you believe." The definition of obedience is "an act or instance of obeying, the quality or state of being obedient" according to Merriam-Webster dictionary. Obey is the part of God's plan in our life, whether to God or to his people. Billy Graham his sermon 'the path of **obedience**' which was recorded in September 1962, talks about the blessings of being obedient to God, not trusting to our own understanding, we need to return to God by repentance and destroy the images of many other gods we made for ourselves, King Hezekiah followed the God's commandment, and he was aware of God's acts in his kingdom, we

need awareness of God and his salvation as like Hezekiah, he prayed and obeyed and God answered that is what our nation and all we need.

We live a very strange time; we are a nation. We have seen many things in our life cycle, pandemic, war, inequity, immorality, sickness. The result of obedience brings shalom and prosperity. We can live free and happy when we obey and listen to God every day, it won't be hard when we give everything to him and meditate on his Word. *"True obedience is the natural outcome of an intimate relationship with Christ. Spending time in the Word and in prayer every day is part of the secret. Our greatest example of such obedience is that of Jesus to His Father. Through His life on earth, we see the rewards of living an obedient life."* Andrew Murray book called "a life of obedience" back cover explains. If we want to grow in wisdom, we need to learn to be obedient, to take care of ourselves and the earth, to the noisy world, to benefit others, to be a light on a hill. Keep obedience close to your heart and see how your attitude and inner self change to a new person. One fellow blogger brought six good results of obedience to God, we will be God's friend, we will know His well, we bear good fruit, we receive power, and our prayers reach God's ears faster.

"Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." (Deuteronomy 5:33)

Pray: I obey your voice and rely on your beautiful presence, Lord. My life is better with you, search me and put aside all my iniquities, and let me rejoice in you. In your Name, Amen.

Forgiveness

Yes, it is one of the pillars of the wisdom house. Hmm. We look at our life, thinking of who can we forgive. Do I have any anger in me towards anyone? How can we forgive someone who did wrong to us and change the direction of our life? When we see Jesus life and how He forgave us on the cross, we might change our perspective of forgiveness. The antonyms of forgiveness are punishment. I am not compelled to forgive others, but I am doing a favour to myself by doing an act of forgiveness. We let go of all resentment that they housed in our hearts for a long time and made us sick. Yes, when we let all hurts go, we are wise and decide not to allow the past event anymore to rob our today's joy. Ephesians 4: 32 says it well "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Set apart a time, spend some time to meditate on the Word of God, clear your mind by giving all your un-forgiveness thoughts to the Lord. There are loads of Bible verses to help us on this subject. However, It is your choice to choose whether you want to forgive someone or not. In his answer on "the major obstacle in forgiving others", John Piper talked about two categories in the Bible: enemy love (this should be the nearest person to us). The second category is 1 Corinthians 13: 7, bearing one another.

How hard is it to forgive others? How tough is it to forgive ourselves? A mature person in Christ, forgive others with grace. It may take some time but eventually, lay it down at Jesus' feet. C.S Lewis said it nicely, "to be Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." So, being an agent of kindness and forgiveness would grow our characters in all levels of life. It might look impossible to forgive someone, take time and ask God for guidance, an open door that you can use to let go of all unwanted events. In the end, let me remind you again, what Jesus has done on the cross, should be your focus; he has forgiven all. Let's make sure you did let go of the below to God's hands:

- Judgment
- Punishment
- Hatred
- Hurts
- Resentment
- Past incidents

And make yourself ready to receive the below from God:

- A desire to forgive
- Patience
- Kindness
- Love
- It is possible with God attitude

Pray: I forgive others as you forgave me, Lord. Free me from the wrath within me and give me a spirit of forgiveness. I take one step as you will take a million steps for me to rescue. In your Name, Amen.

Purity

The wisdom house needs this one badly. "The quality or state of being pure" as the definition of purity from Merriam-Webster. The opposite of purity is impurity. Let's talk about this more. This is a sensitive topic for our generation. I know it well; perhaps the purity is not a new subject; if it is in the wisdom house, it means it was there already. When we talk about purity in the wisdom house, we refer to physical and spiritual purities. The two parties are here play the main act in our lives. Bodily purity is apparent, and there are boundaries around it as we read them in the Bible. "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Word of God" (Psalm 119:9). The Accountable2You site listed a few of them for us:

- You want to please God
- Choose to live transparently
- Your actions affirm what is Good
- Love others and stay humble

Spiritual purity is far important than any other. Of course, we have loads of verses about sexual purity. To be pure in the eyes of God, you need to be whole, away from the physical desire of this world and make yourself near to living God. How can a Holy Father be closed to an impure heart? Presenting ourselves holy and blameless is the best choice we can make. When we are pure in heart, we can see God as Jesus himself told us the secret of this "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*" (Matthew 5:8). The fundamental liberty is when we are ready to leave behind our desire and grab His. Our addictions, our lousy attitude, our wrong directions, our impure life are our choices. We know that those are not going to help us, but we choose short term gladness instead of eternal purity.

Are you ready to enter the land of purity? Choose purity that is good for your soul. Imaginably, the truth will make your soul free.

Pray: You are holy, I am not, so create a pure heart within me, oh Lord. I need spiritual and physical cleansing to praise you with a pure heart, mind, and soul. In your Name, Amen.

Self-control

It is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in the book of Galatians 5: 23. The Greek Word of it is 'engkrates' means 'in power' or 'strong', or another definition is "mastered from within". The Spirit within gives us strength and power. A true believer in Christ has self-control over temptation, lust, and all other things that are not helping us at all. Proverbs 25:28 says, "*Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.*" A person with self-control is preferred to a warrior. This pillar helps you realise that this is not your power, not your ability, but God within you is so powerful than external powers. When you have that pillar within you, you are a motivated person with a joyful heart

of praise which can wait for the things that outdoor people cannot. The Spirit leads a self-control person. Stay alert by the wisdom spirit of self-control. This is a good reminder for all of us "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13. You have built your house on a rock, not sand, you bear much fruit, you bless others, and you know all the chains of bad habits are broken, and your inner soul has peace, and your level of patience has gone high and high. James Allen, in his 'As a Man Thinketh' said, "*Self-control is strength. Right thought is mastery. Calmness is power.*" You are beautiful with this pillar, Christ is in you then you are above all odds. Your actions, feelings and emotions are ruled by divine power. This is why you are not your own but for his. From tomorrow let your all be controlled by God, lean on him and see how wonderful would be the result?

Pray: I need your Spirit within me to control all of me. Free me from the unwanted desire of the world that I can truly worship you. Christ is within me; the world cannot overcome. In your Name, Amen.

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