



Bible Enrichment Lesson
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THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S WISDOM

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 2:9 King James Version ⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

This is one awesome verse. It's a quotation allusion back to [Isaiah 64:4](#), that says *"for since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him* but just let this soak in and think about the context.

In I Corinthians, Chapter 2, Paul teaches the saints at Corinth about the difference between human wisdom and the wisdom in the message of the gospel. The believers in Corinth were relying on human wisdom to deal with problems in the church. They were valuing worldly intelligence and philosophy above the Christian message. The natural self cannot discern the things of God through its own resources, spiritual things are hidden. No one can reason his or her way to Jesus. Evangelism and apologetics are valuable, but the work of the Spirit is what regenerates the heart and ushers' unbelievers into the kingdom. The cross is the proof that God's wisdom is not understood. The prominent people in Jesus' day crucified the Lord of glory blatantly illustrates the foolishness and ignorance of humanity. They took the wisdom of God and nailed Him to a tree. Just as the Corinthians relied on worldly wisdom, many Believers today still search in all the wrong places for discernment and insight. We think we are making wise decisions, all the while

ignoring the counsel of God's Word. So, how do we tap into the greatness of God's wisdom?

We must look through the lens of how God thinks, through the ways of God and the desires of God. **Focus all your attention on God**, His ways, His thoughts, His desires because you know His design for you is better than your heart can even imagine. What He has prepared for you is greater than what your eyes see, and your ears heard.

The human mind cannot comprehend it because God's Spirit alone reveals it. God's wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10, 12-14) and only understood by the spiritually mature .

¹⁰But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:9 just beckons us to lift our eyes from the ways and the thoughts and the patterns of this world "to be "transformed," to use language from Romans 12, "by the renewing of our minds and to say, 'God, help us to live according to your wisdom."

In other words, when you are deciding between living according to the wisdom of this world and living according to the wisdom of God, just know the wisdom of God is higher, greater, more wonderful than anything your eye has seen, or your ear has heard, or your heart has even imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him. Through the Word of God, the spirit introduces God's children to something beyond their ability to see, hear or imagine – the glories of God!

To have knowledge is to have understanding or information about something. *To have wisdom is to have the ability to apply knowledge to everyday life.* It is in the reading and understanding of God's Word that we obtain knowledge and meditating upon that knowledge brings wisdom.

Pray for a High Life with God

God, we trust that in Your wisdom there are things that our eyes have not seen, our ears have not heard, our hearts have not even imagined that You have prepared for us as we trust in You, as we love You with all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength as we walk with You.

The longest chapter in the Bible is [Psalm 119](#), which is all about gaining understanding and wisdom from God's Word. Just a few verses are "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long" (verse 97). "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (verse 105). "I will meditate on your precepts and have respect to your ways. I will delight myself in your statutes: I will not forget your word" (verses 15-16). The word *meditate* is used five times in Psalm 119 and in various forms another fifteen times in the book of Psalms. **Meditation** is required to fully consider how to apply God's Word in everyday life.

In summary, to tap into God's wisdom, we must diligently study God's Word ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)), meditate on the Word, pray for wisdom, seek it with all our hearts, and walk in the Spirit. God desires to give His wisdom to His children.

We pray and we trust that as we do, we will experience that which is far beyond what we can even imagine in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.