

Signs of Spiritual Wisdom

Introduction

1. **Throughout the course of time it has always been very important for man to gain and display spiritual wisdom.**
 - A. **The wise man will have the ability to be able to help save his fellow man.**
 - B. **Wisdom can outweigh the rash decisions of fools.**
 - C. **It takes wisdom to make the right choices in life.**
 - D. **Wisdom is respected – nobody wants to be considered a fool.**
2. **Solomon was a man who was respected for his great wisdom.**
 - A. **Wisdom can overrule strength and is more precious than gold or wealth.**

Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

3. **A wise man will seek out instruction and counsel**

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

4. **Let's notice some signs of spiritual wisdom:**

The Fear of the Lord

1. **Before anyone can spiritually build on their wisdom, one must first be wise to the understanding that the “fear of the Lord” must occupy first place in one’s life.**
 - A. **We will develop spiritually and become wise when we know and understand that God is in charge and that we must be submissive to His will.**

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Job 28:28 And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.'

Serving the Lord

1. **There can be no greater evidence of spiritual wisdom than our sincere love and dedication in serving the Lord.**
 - A. **Our hearts know that our great love of God will result in serving Him first and foremost everyday we live.**

Psalms 2:10-11 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, **let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**

Doing God's Will

1. **Only a fool would refuse to do the will of God. The wise man will ensure that God's commandments as given to us in His holy and inspired word, are followed.**

Matthew 7:21-27

Continuing to Seek Knowledge

1. **The wise will gain knowledge in order to exercise proper wisdom.**
 - A. **However, continuing to seek the knowledge of God's Word is truly a man of wisdom.**
 - B. **The more we learn and put it into practice, then the better equipped soldier we will be in His kingdom.**

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

Practicing Careful Talk

1. **The spiritual wise always watches what they say.**
 - A. **Our words tell others who we really are.**
 - B. **Thinking before we speak, ensuring that we are saying words that will show others that we are really "Christ like" shows great wisdom.**

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

Matthew 12:37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Winning Souls for Christ

1. **A wise man understands that God wants everyone to be saved and strives to share His message with others.**
 - A. **Since it takes knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in order to convert people, we must strive to get to a point in our lives where we feel very comfortable talking to others about the gospel.**

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

- 1) **We can be wise – to know what to say and how to say it when we become filled with the gospel.**
- B. **It is also important to note that we must win souls in order to save ourselves.**

John 15:2 Every branch in Me **that does not bear fruit He takes away**; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:6 **If anyone does not abide in Me**, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Preparation for Death

1. **It is a fact of life that all will one day die. The spiritually wise lives their life in preparation to meet God.**
 - A. **We are wise to make sure that we are ready for death.**

Amos 4:12 Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!

- 1) **We do not get another chance. This moment in time is our time to ensure that we are ready for the judgment.**
Matthew 25:13

Conclusion

- 1. Solomon prayed for an understanding heart and God granted him wisdom – more than anyone has ever had (1 Kings 3:1-28).**
- 2. May we all pray for wisdom and put it into practice each day as we continue to live for Christ.**
 - A. Remember, the signs of spiritual wisdom includes:**
 - 1) The fear of the Lord**
 - 2) Serving the Lord**
 - 3) Doing God's will**
 - 4) Seeking knowledge**
 - 5) Being careful how we talk**
 - 6) Winning souls for Christ**
 - 7) Preparing for death**
- 3. May God richly bless each of us as we wisely serve Him daily.**

