



REVIEW

- Marks of a Maturing Disciple



- I. A life walk that is **worthy of the Lord**.
- II. **Pleasing** God in every way.
- III. A life that bears **fruit** in every good work.
- IV. A life that grows in the **knowledge of God**.
- V. A life with supernatural strength to **endure** to finish well.
- VI. A life of **gratefulness**.

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- Grow In Spiritual Understanding



- I. Develop a **seeking-open** heart to partake the Word.
- II. Keep asking the Father for the Spirit of **Wisdom** and **Revelation**.
- III. Believe and **obey** the Word.
- IV. Deal with the flesh.
- V. Develop a **love** for the Word.
- VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.

Colossians 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. **10** And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. (NIV)



How to have the Marks of a Maturing Disciple?



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How to continually know
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A. In Spiritual **Understanding**

B. In Spiritual **Wisdom.**

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1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, **to God who alone is wise,** be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.



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Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, **the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"

35 "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?" **36** For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.



I. **God** is the Source of All Wisdom.

The Wisdom of the **created** is originally from God.

1. **Angels**
2. **Fallen Angels**
i.e. the **whole demonic world**
3. **Man**



II. When the created lose their **connect** with God, their wisdom will **deteriorate.**

1 Corinthians 1:19-20, 25

19 For it is written: "I will **destroy the wisdom of the wise,** and **bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."** **20** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not **God made foolish the wisdom of this world?**

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



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Romans 1:21-22, 28

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but **became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools ...

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a **debased mind,** to do those things which are not fitting ...



2 Timothy 3:1-5, 7

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.



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James 3:13-16

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. **14** But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is **earthly, sensual, demonic**.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.



II. When the created lose their **connect** with God, their wisdom will **deteriorate**.

1. The wisdom of man is **natural - earthly**.
2. As a person moves further and further **away** from God, his wisdom becomes increasingly **soulish**.
3. The principle for the deterioration is **ground** given to the evil one.



III. The Wisdom of God will be given to those who **seek** and **connect** with Him.

Proverbs 2:3-6

3 Yes, if you **cry out** for discernment, And **lift up your voice** for understanding, **4** if you **seek her** as silver, and **search for her** as for hidden treasures; **5** then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. **6** For **the Lord gives wisdom**; from His mouth come **knowledge and understanding**...



IV. Believers already have **all** the wisdom they need for life.

1. This wisdom from above is **Christ** in the believer.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him **you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God**—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

Colossians 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



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2. This wisdom from above is supplied to the believer through the **Holy Spirit of Wisdom**.

Ephesians 1:17-18

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know ...



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2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a **sound mind**.

John 16:13 However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



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3A. The Holy Spirit of Wisdom is perfectly **ONE** with the Word of God.

Psalm 19:7 The **law of the Lord is perfect**, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making **wise** the simple ...

Psalm 119:98 You, through Your commandments, make me **wiser** than my enemies; for they are ever with me.



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3B. The Holy Spirit of Wisdom will quicken the **Rhema** Word for the situation.

2 Corinthians 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; **for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life**.



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4. The believer must **intentionally ask** for wisdom from the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

It is **not** automatic.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.



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Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and **find grace** to help in time of need.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.



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1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**.



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1 Corinthians 12:8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit ...

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Proverbs 11:14, 15:22

14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the **multitude of counselors there is safety**.

22 Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the **multitude of counselors they are established**.

V. The proof of wisdom and understanding is in our **deeds**.

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

Matthew 7:24-25

24 Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a **wise man** who built his **house on the rock**; **25** and the **rain** descended, the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and beat on that house; and it **did not fall**, for it was **founded on the rock**.

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1. The unwise person will reflect **evil**.

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15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is **earthly, sensual, demonic**. **16** For where **envy** and **self-seeking** exist, **confusion** and **every evil thing** are there.

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2. The wise people will reflect **goodness**.

James 3:17-18

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first **pure**, then **peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy**.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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3. The wise person will be **promoted**.

1 Samuel 18:5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and **behaved wisely**. And Saul **set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants**.

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1 Samuel 18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David **behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul**, so that **his name became highly esteemed**.



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4. The wise person will be **victorious**.

1 Samuel 18:14-15

14 And David **behaved wisely** in all his ways, and **the Lord was with him**. **15** Therefore, **when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him**.



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2 Samuel 16:23 Now the **advice of Ahithophel**, which he gave in those days, was **as if one had inquired at the oracle of God**. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:31 Then someone told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And **David said, "O Lord, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!"**



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Daniel 1:4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, **gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand**, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.



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Daniel 1:17, 20

17 As for these four young men, God gave them **knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams**.

20 And **in all matters of wisdom and understanding** about which the king examined them, he found them **ten times better** than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.



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Isaiah 33:6 **Wisdom** and knowledge will be the **stability of your times**, and the **strength of salvation**; the fear of the Lord is His treasure.



4. The wise person will be victorious.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **14** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



Bottom Line:

Ephesians 5:15-18

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **16** redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit ...

