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I was in prison and you came to me Matt. 25:36cESV

Wisdom

There are between two and three hundred references to wisdom in the Bible.

The distinction between Godly wisdom and worldly or earthly wisdom is stark. A look through the past articles about our problem thinking and beliefs and what God's Word gives us in place of them reminds us a lot about wisdom.

Wisdom helps us with becoming more Christ-like in being free from sin and set apart for God, brings blessings and happiness, helps level our pride and shows us how to have pride in God and His ways and provisions. It helps us understand and piece together fragmentation. It helps us see that we cannot live in a worldly perfectionistic way, but that God is perfect and He perfects that which concerns us. (Matthew 5, Luke 6, Psalm 138) Wisdom takes more than seeing what is in front of us but putting concepts together. It can help us not be closed off but be more open to what is right and to good relationships with others. It helps us take ownership of our attitudes, responsibilities and relationships and resist temptation. It shows us that there is nothing good in us and we need God's grace and mercy and strength and Spirit.

One New Year's Eve, my hopes and plans for the night and the event that I had planned to attend to connect with the relationships in my life was cut off. Being covetous of others who I felt had far more than I left me despondent to the point of despairing. When I walked the winter night under the stars, God spoke to me to write about these things to the women in my life and tell them what I admired about them. In His wisdom, He took my covetousness and turned it into admiration.

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Will you make your community safer? Are you praying for your Sheriff and their staff?

How about volunteers or inmates or those returning to your community?

February 29th 2020

Spotlight

A few of many Volunteer Reports

Dear Prayer Partners,

Yesterday [we] had five women for the art class, where our devotion was "True Wisdom".

One woman wanted to pray to receive Christ, and one other woman indicated on her sheet, that she also prayed with us. We used a step by step method to draw a great horned owl. Then we used watercolor crayons and watercolor pencils to color it. Some chose to use colors of nature, while others chose to use what they liked best. Each was unique and beautiful!



God allowed us to park in the lot and Barb was able to make the walk to the jail, which we were so thankful for! All of the women were very open to listening and discussing spiritual things with Barb as they worked on their art. Even the deputy told us how thankful he was that we could come and give these women a break from the hardships that they face! We had a joyful time together. Thank you for praying for every aspect of this ministry. We appreciate you all so much!



*Serving Him Together With You
Sue Janick and Barb Bryan*



There were two guys at Friday's Bible Study, (the pods were locked down, except D). Needless to say, it was an interesting evening, (the study I prepared on 1 Thessalonians was quickly tossed!) We focused on the existence of God and his creature, and how he delivered a plan for our redemption through His Son Jesus Christ based on grace, faith, and repentance. I'm thankful God brought these two guys to the Bible Study, it provided a

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James 3:13-18 tells us more about the difference between the world's wisdom and God's Wisdom. "Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.



But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

We would love to hear from you, if you will share with us some way God's wisdom helped you to address a situation or relationships. Call, write or reply how God worked. Share with us how He turned something adverse, harmful, negative or damaging into something positive, helpful and/or encouraging?

Praise the Lord!

You helped donate over 200 coats to inmates through our annual coat drive.

Pray that the coats will warm their bodies and the word of God will warm their hearts, that they will take the personal note to heart and seek God.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated. Coats went or are going to

- Hennpin Co. ADC,
- Ramsey Co. Correctional Facility
- Washinton Co. Jail
- Redwing and
- Scott Co. Jail and a few to
- Metro Hope Ministires

chance to dig a little deeper into their hearts and minds, and an opportunity to share Biblical truth about God. My prayer is the seeds will grow, and these men will continue to seek the one true God....and continue to join WCJ Bible study.

- Paul Ylonen



We made a connection with 6 women as we went around to the rooms, 3 engaged in conversation with us sharing some of their struggles and prayer requests. One of the women came to our meeting. We had a great discussion about powerlessness. Specifically using Romans 7:18 as our guide- "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. We pointed out the context from Romans 8 that is it Christ that saves us" We started our lesson later and ended early because of the cleaning and break schedule. - Lori Forstad



On Thursday, 2-13-20 Bruce Peterson and I held a 1 pm Bible study at WCJ with 4 men in attendance. The subject was Salvation and the Holy Spirit. We started with Psalm 40, and then talked about Salvation, and is just believing in Christ enough?



Luke 23, 32-43 belief of the criminal on the cross gained him eternal life, John 3:16,17. Hopeful if we have time, end with Eph. 4:17-32. Pray that we can help the men understand that belief is key, but that God wants so much more for us and from us here on earth.

May god bless these people during this time and trial in life. May they find peace with God and rest in His peace. I thank God for His message of hope and the power of prayer for these people in their time of need! Praise be to God! For His glory!

- Jeff Lynn



I had a wonderful time in jail Tuesday night with two groups again. 😊 Lots of great discussion and Bible reading. The question of the night was "What does your heart need the most today?" Responses included strength, hope,

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empathy, to be rerouted, guidance, connect with children, relief, determination, closure and continued support.

We talked about rest and renewal and read through Psalm 23 as well as the parable of the lost son and the lost sheep through questions and discussion that followed. The ladies shared an acrostic using the word fear which is really cool: 😊 **F**ace **E**verything **A**nd **R**ise

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity on Tuesday night to minister to these women who are all searching and wanting to get their lives cleaned up and look to the future. May you honor their seeking and prayers and show them the way they should go. Bless them on their journeys and may you be glorified through all circumstances and requests...

Another report - The focus of the devotion was on Psalm 119. We read the first 32 verses and the ladies in each group shared what spoke to them. It was so encouraging to see them digging into the word and chewing it as meat...not just milk for babes. 😊

One of the parts of the devotion that really spoke to everyone was this: If Psalm 119 says anything, it says we must be willing to consume a steady diet of truth from His Book and digest the principles ... Pore over it. Pray over it. Read it. Study it. Memorize sections of it. Meditate upon it. Let it saturate your thinking. Use it when problems arise. Filter your decisions through it. Don't let a day pass without spending time alone with God, listening to the silent voice of His eloquent Word.

Read through Psalm 119. Let God speak to you personally. Listen to Him.

Thanks, Jan McGuire

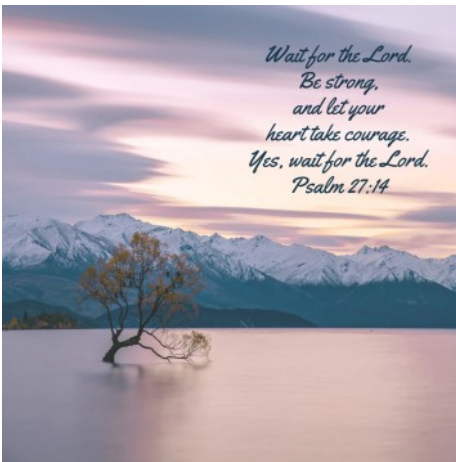


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