

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTELLECT AND WISDOM

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Proverbs 4:8 and Proverbs 3:5-6

People with intellect **UNDERSTAND** what they know.

People who have wisdom **APPLY** what they know.

Your intellect is a gift that should be cultivated, nurtured and strengthened. It is a tool to help you comprehend what is being said. It is a resource to help you figure things out. It is a data bank for your mind to store information.

Wisdom is a gift that is available but rarely utilized.

Wisdom is the ability to make Godly decisions. Godly decisions are outcomes that produce supernatural results.

- People who rely on their **INTELLECT** can become rich.
- People who rely on **WISDOM** can become wealthy.

- People who rely on **INTELLECT** can be happy.
- People who rely on **WISDOM** can have joy.
- People who rely on **INTELLECT** can do good things.
- People who rely on **WISDOM** can do great things.

There are levels to this. Intellect is good to have.

However, wisdom is better. Wisdom takes you to a higher level. Wisdom will make you powerful. Wisdom will make you great.

Proverbs 4:8 says, "Treasure wisdom, and it will make you great; hold on to it, and it will bring you honor."

## DO NOT RELY ON YOUR INTELLECT

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success."

Your intellect is strengthened by what you **LEARN**.

Wisdom is strengthened by the things you can

**ANTICIPATE.** You can learn the wrong things. You can be taught by the wrong people. You can be educated to the wrong philosophy. You can be astute to the wrong doctrine. Just because you are intelligent it does not mean you are wise.

If you are well versed in the wrong thing your knowledge means nothing. This is why the Lord told us not to lean on our own understanding. Most often, we are taught the wrong things in life and our intellect is strengthened with foolish counsel.

Your parents did not teach you everything that was right. School did not teach you how to handle problems the Godly way. Throughout our life we were given **MIXED** information. God knew this! This is why He clearly told you not to depend on your intellect.

Wisdom and intellect are different from one another. Walking with wisdom forces you to do things your mind cannot comprehend. Walking with wisdom moves you

toward making decisions that impact your future more than your present.

Intelligence sustains you for **TODAY**. Wisdom keeps you prepared for **TOMORROW**. The person who walks with wisdom will not be overwhelmed by the events of tomorrow because wisdom equipped them with the resources to be successful.

### HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- Intellect will tell you to buy food for today. Wisdom will tell you to shop for the week.
- Intellect will tell you to chase money. Wisdom will tell you to chase the Kingdom of God.

People trust their intellect because it quenches their **IMMEDIATE** thirst. However, this thirst is deceiving. If you chase your **IMMEDIATE** thirst you will neglect the **ETERNAL** satisfaction of fulfillment.

Jesus understood this concept. When Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days and nights He was hungry after His fast. The enemy approached Jesus with a(n) solution to quench his **IMMEDIATE** thirst for dominion and power.

The enemy tried to stimulate Jesus intelligence by telling Him He could receive what He wanted in a **SHORT** period of time if He worshipped him. As enticing as this was, Jesus did **NOT** follow His intellect. He followed wisdom. He chose to suffer for His Heavenly Father rather than prosper with the enemy.

Jesus understood the difference between intelligence and wisdom. Follow the blueprint of Jesus. Embrace the difference between the two. If you want to be good seek intelligence. If you want to be **GREAT** seek **WISDOM**.

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