

Bible Quiz

" What is wisdom?"

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What is wisdom?

Wisdom is a comprehensive ability that includes the ability to learn, understand, reason, judge, and solve problems. It is not only about the accumulation of knowledge or the storage of memory, but also about how to flexibly apply what you have learned to cope with various situations and challenges. Wisdom is usually manifested in a combination of creativity, flexibility, emotional management, logical thinking, and other aspects.

In general, intelligence can be understood at the following levels:

1. Cognitive intelligence: Associated with cognitive processes such as learning, comprehension, memory, and reasoning, it reflects a person's ability to think when faced with a new problem or challenge.
2. Emotional intelligence: includes the ability to understand one's own and others' emotions and to be able to manage them effectively. Emotional intelligence helps build healthy relationships and deal with conflict.
3. Practical wisdom: Also known as "common sense" or "life wisdom", it is the judgment that people accumulate through experience in their daily lives that can help us make appropriate decisions and actions.

Wisdom is not a single standard of ability, but is composed of a variety of talents, and develops with the accumulation of experience and the deepening of learning.

In the book of Proverbs, wisdom is portrayed as an ability that transcends knowledge, emphasizing moral and upright insight to help people distinguish between right and wrong and make the right choices. The book of Proverbs emphasizes the importance of wisdom as the key to a good and successful life.

Different religious traditions also have an understanding of wisdom, for example, some traditions use meditation and practice to achieve insight into true reality, to understand the impermanence and selflessness of things, and ultimately to achieve liberation and enlightenment. Despite coming from different belief systems, many of these ideas are similar to the wisdom ideas of the Bible.

Overall, the book of Proverbs explores not only wisdom but also morality, principles of life, and a wealth of practical life advice in areas such as family, friends, work, and integrity.

The first chapter of the book of Proverbs begins with a clear statement about the purpose of the book: to guide people in the pursuit of wisdom and instruction, to teach young people to discern right from wrong and to fear God. The beginning emphasizes the value of intelligence and calls for people to actively pursue it. For the greed and violence of sin, it is likened to a rapid descent into the underworld and the complete devouring of man, depicting the devastating and inevitable consequences of evil deeds, and warning us to stay away from evil deeds. This cautionary tale is a reminder that wealth should not be pursued in an unjustified manner and that greed can lead people astray.

Wisdom is open and available, as long as we are willing to listen. Wisdom rebukes fools and those who like to make fun of them, pointing out their attachment to ignorance and their rejection of knowledge. This is a reflection of the rejection of intelligence and teachings by some people, who have chosen to indulge in a lifestyle of ignorance and mockery. Wisdom has tried to lead people to the right path, but if people do not heed their teachings, they will turn their noses up when disaster strikes. It is a warning that reminds us of the consequences of ignoring wisdom and prompts us to reflect on our own choices.

The first chapter of Proverbs also describes the storms of fear and the whirlwind of calamity, warning of the consequences of ignoring wisdom. It reminds us that we should take early and wise action to avoid getting ourselves into trouble. If we don't listen to the voice of wisdom when difficulties come, we may not get the help we want in times of crisis. This passage prompts us to reflect on the fact that wisdom is the best guide before acting.

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for giving us every day, in good times and bad, and Your wisdom can lead us forward. Today, we pray to You that Your wisdom will fill our hearts so that we can hear Your voice in every choice we make and live according to Your will.

May our thoughts, words, and actions demonstrate the insight and discernment you have given us. Help us to always seek Your wisdom in our busy lives, so that we will not be trapped by the confusions of the world and walk in the truth.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray, amen.