

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) For the word of God is **living** and **powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Perhaps the question is then, if God is speaking, how well are we listening?

One consequence is our inability to hear God's voice over all the **background 'noise' of our life.**

John 1:14 (NKJV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 10:27 (NKJV) *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say . . . To be still and know That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness Word of God speak. (Mercy Me)

Psalms 46:10 (NKJV) Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

The discipline of getting before God, seeking Him for His wisdom in the situation . . . and being still before Him, **trusting** He **will** lead you, He **will** impart His wisdom to you.

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James 1:5-8 (NKJV) 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. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 3:13-16 (NKJV) 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.

James 3:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

We never know when we will be called on to make the most important decision in our lives. How much more important then to develop the practice of seeking God for and receiving His wisdom . . . every day?

God is either telling you who you are now IN CHRIST, or who you will be!

Knowledge can be memorized. Wisdom must think things through. Wisdom enables you to use knowledge correctly.

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

To not fear someone or something is to say you are equal to or better than they or it.

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Proverbs 3:19-20 (TLB) ¹⁹ The Lord's wisdom founded the earth; his understanding established all the universe and space. ²⁰ The deep fountains of the earth were broken open by his knowledge, and the skies poured down rain.

Proverbs 4:5-6 (NIV) ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. ⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

Proverbs 8:11 (NKJV) For wisdom *is* better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

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[Wisdom will drive you towards God's ultimate plan and will for your life.](#)

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John 17:3(NIV) Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

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