

Doctrine of Being Wise

1. Wisdom is often associated with being circumspect and intelligent. The desire for inappropriate wisdom led to the first sin.
 - *Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*
2. There is a limit to human intelligence.
 - *Genesis 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that his [Pharaoh's] spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof; and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.*
3. The wise person is highly valued especially in times of national crisis.
 - *Genesis 41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.*
4. The true source of wisdom is God.
 - *Genesis 41:39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*
5. It is possible to mislead people that one is wise through deceit.
 - *Exodus 7:11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.*
6. It is possible for a wise person to be corrupted by a bribe. Possessing wisdom is no ultimate protection against sin.
 - *Exodus 23:8 And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise [clear sighted, intelligent], and perverteth the words of the righteous.*
7. To serve Him better God gives some special wisdom in a particular area.

Men.

- *Exodus 31:6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; 36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.*

Women.

- *Proverbs 31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.*
8. To lead nations God gives individuals wisdom.
 - *Deuteronomy 1:13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.*
 - *Deuteronomy 1:15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.*
 9. Lack of wisdom brings heartache, sorrow and lamentation.
 - *Deuteronomy 32:29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!*
 10. Being wise is not something reserved for men.
 - *Judges 5:29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself,*
 11. Like men, women can be enlisted in a worthy cause as the woman of Tekoah was used by Joab to rebuke David.
 - *2 Samuel 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:*
 12. In answer to prayer God gave Solomon the wisdom he requested.
 - *1 Kings 3:12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.*
 12. Wise men can corrupt their intellectual gift thereby bringing the judgment of God.
 - *Job 5:13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.*
 13. Jealous individuals believe themselves to be wise.
 - *Job 11:12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.*

14. Those who learn Bible doctrine become wise.

- *Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

15. Those who are wise in their own conceit shall still die.

- *Psalms 49:10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.*

16. There are several characteristics of a wise person.

- The wise person will hear and increase in understanding. *Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*
- The wise person will inherit glory. *Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.*
- The wise person will observe nature. *Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:*
- The wise person will receive instruction. *Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.*
- The wise person will receive correction. *Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.*
- The wise person will increase in knowledge. *Proverbs 10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.*
- The wise person will command others. *Proverbs 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.*
- The wise person will win souls to Christ. *Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*
- The wise person will listen to the counsel of others. *Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*
- The wise person will speak good words. *Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.*
- The wise person will honor parents. *Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.*

- The wise person will flee from the snares of death. *Proverbs 13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.*
- The wise person surrounds himself with other wise people. *Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*
- The wise woman is able to build a comfortable home. *Proverbs 14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.*
- The wise man will depart from evil. *Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.*
- The wise person is able to control his tongue. *Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*
- The wise person honors the law of God. *Proverbs 28:7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.*
- The wise person is not a transparent personality. *Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.*
- The Supreme Wise Person is God. *Romans 16:27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Jude 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*
- The wise person is humble. *1 Corinthians 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.*