

WISDOM

True wisdom comes from God. James 3:17 - *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy."*



The wise men came from the East to see the newborn Christ (people tend to assume there were three because three gifts were mentioned). These and many others throughout history have come to be known as wise men. A question comes to mind; "What made them wise?"

Solomon was known as the wisest man that ever lived. Let us listen to his advice on what makes a person wise.

1. They fear God. (Proverbs 1:7).
2. A wise person respects authority. (Proverbs 1: 7; 13: 1).
3. They fear and depart from evil. (Proverbs 14:16).
4. A wise person will listen to counsel. (Proverbs 12:15).
5. They control their tongues. (Proverbs 10: 19; James 3:6-8).
6. A wise person will try to bring souls to Christ. (Proverbs 11:30).
7. A wise person will hear and obey the Word of the Lord. (Proverbs 9: 10; Matthew 7:24-27).

To sum it all up, a wise person knows what is really important. Proverbs 4:5-7 - *"Get wisdom! Get understanding Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth, Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing, Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."*

There is one more very important truth. Solomon may have been wise, but he did not always listen to that wisdom. A person must make use of the wisdom of God for it to do any good. Be wise and obey.

♦ Robert Hall, *Robert's Reflections*, Tanner Church of Christ - Tanner, AL

Some are wise, and some are otherwise.

News & Notes

LADIES MEETING TONIGHT: Following the evening worship, the ladies will meet to plan for the next ladies work day.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this good work making stuffed bears for children.

PANTRY: Canned vegetables.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SING: Lisbon, March 1st, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, March 7th, 8:00 a.m. at Crockery City Café (formerly Traveler's Hotel) in East Liverpool. All the men of our congregation are invited.

IN CLEVELAND: Remember Dan & Sharon Williams in prayer and with cards. Their address: c/o Cleveland Clinic Guest House, 9601 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.

REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS: Marlene Reynolds, Beulah Rice.

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS: Weirton Medical Center: Marilyn Sprout (Skilled), Mabel Sprout. Calcutta Health Care: Docie Moore, Marie Jones. Carriage Inn, Steubenville: Barb Shafer (Docie Moore's mother). At Home: Fred Larrimore, Sr. (Karen Strum's dad), Sharon Roberts, Karen Main, Crystal Baker, Betty Gentry, Linda Wiersbicki, Randy Beagle, Virginia Ferrell, Gene Miller, Ruth Brewer, Betty Carlin, Harry & Imogene Nice. **Remember others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. Check the bulletin board.**

MEETINGS

Lisbon	Feb. 27-Mar. 1	F. Higginbotham
Chillicothe, OH	Mar. 15	F. Higginbotham
Tipp City, OH	Mar. 22-25	F. Higginbotham
CHESTER	Mar. 29-Apr. 2	David Hinds

HOLD FAST

- **Hold fast to the gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).** This means that we will obey and live the gospel.
- **Hold fast to what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).** This means that we are keeping evil out of our lives and clinging to the virtuous things.
- **Hold fast to heavenly hope, confidence, and rejoicing (Hebrews 3:6).** This means that we will always be optimistic and expressing our joy in the Lord.
- **Hold fast to the confession in Jesus as the Christ (Hebrews 4:14).** This means that we will be telling others about Him and how He saves.

- Ed Sterchl, Harrisburg Church of Christ, Harrisburg, IL - via *Bulletin Digest*