



**THE WISDOM OF GOD**  
*KNOWING GOD Series*  
*1 Corinthians 2*  
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***DEFINING THE WISDOM OF GOD:***

*"That attribute of God whereby he produces the best possible results by the best possible means." --Louis Berkhof*

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 9:10 ESV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**The Promise:** For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. v.11

**Worldly wisdom is at war with God's wisdom.**

1 Corinthians 2 ESV

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**God's wisdom is revealed through the Holy Spirit.**

1 Cor. 2:10 ...these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**God's wisdom is worth the cost, no matter how great.**

Proverbs 8:10-11 ESV

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.



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## The Big Question

Do you believe that absolute wisdom exists because it comes from an all-knowing and all-benevolent God?

## Defining the Wisdom of God

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- Louis Berkhof

“Since God is infinite and wise, He must be infinitely wise: This is called omnisapience. So as applied to God, wisdom refers to His unerring ability to choose the best means to accomplish the best ends.

As such, God’s wisdom is written in several other attributes:  
His omniscience provides the knowledge for His wise choices;  
His omnibenevolence assures that they will be good choices;

and His omnipotence enables Him to achieve His ends by the means He chooses.”

- Dr. Norman Geisler,  
*Systematic Theology*

## Memory Verse

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*Proverbs 9:10*

## The Promise

For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

*Proverbs 9:11*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

*1 Corinthians 2:1-2*

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

***1 Corinthians 2:3-4***

that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

***1 Corinthians 2:5-6***

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

***1 Corinthians 2:7-8***

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

***1 Corinthians 2:9-10***

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

***1 Corinthians 2:11***

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

***1 Corinthians 2:12***

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him,

*1 Corinthians 2:13-14a*

and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

*1 Corinthians 2:14b-16*

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with God's wisdom.**

**God's wisdom is revealed  
by the Holy Spirit.**

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

***John 14:15-17***

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