



Main point - God will give you wisdom when you need it most

- 1 - The most important gift is wisdom
- 2 - God's work in our lives includes giving wisdom
- 3 - Pray with faith for the wisdom from above

#1:

2/21/16

"My reaction to a trial must be based on what I know not what [Leukemia] I feel."

-M. Dever

Trials come from God. Trials are designed by God. To accomplish a specific purpose in my life. Joy!

V2, *When you meet trials*not if you meet.

Every trial has this purpose, the divine purpose of producing steadfastness, perseverance, and endurance.

Count = think don't feel

it = from God, divinely measure

(CJ) all joy = God has a desirable outcome

#2:

2 Cor 3:18

"We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another...The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God...God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

#3:

"God's work of giving wisdom is a means to his chosen end of restoring and perfecting the relationship between himself and human beings – the relationship for which he made them. For what is this wisdom that he gives? It is not a sharing in all his knowledge, but a disposition to confess that he is wise, and to cleave to him and live for him in the light of his Word through thick and thin."

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#4

Matt. 7:7-11

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

#5:

“I am persuaded that nothing disadvantages us so much in believing as this conceit that ‘God is altogether like ourselves,’ Psalm 1:21...Well then, consider, when God gives, he will give like himself. Do not measure him by the wretched straightness of your own hearts...Whatever God does, he will do as God, above the rate and measure of the creatures, something befitting the infiniteness and eternity of his own essence.”

Thomas Manton
James

#6:

“It is to be feared that many Christians spend all their lives in too unhumbled and conceited a frame of mind ever to gain wisdom from God at all. Not for nothing does Scripture say, “with the lowly is wisdom” (Prov. 11:2).”

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