

Our Belief

Ephesians 5:15-17 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

- ✓ Walking in wisdom is rooted in our _____ in who God is.

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Avoiding Foolishness

- ✓ To be foolish is to _____ the counsel of scripture.

Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

- ✓ Foolishness results from not _____ and _____ God for who He is.

Romans 1:21-22 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.

- ✓ When you don’t know the wisdom of God, the wise thing to do is _____ for it.

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

- ✓ When you don’t understand the wisdom of God, the wise thing to do is _____ in it.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

- ✓ When you don’t agree with the wisdom of God, the wise thing to do is _____ to it.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Proverbs 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- ✓ Wisdom begins by _____ God.

- ✓ The fear of the Lord is _____ that leads to _____.

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- ✓ To be foolish is to **disregard** the counsel of scripture.

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- ✓ Foolishness results from not **recognizing** and **honoring** God for who He is.

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- ✓ When you don’t know the wisdom of God, the wise thing to do is **search** for it.

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- ✓ When you don’t understand the wisdom of God, the wise thing to do is **trust** in it.
Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
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- ✓ Wisdom begins by **fearing** God.
- ✓ The fear of the Lord is **recognition** that leads to **submission**.