

Walk With Scripture - Scripture Lesson

Title: *Walking in God's Wisdom*

Focus Scripture:

- **ESV:** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." — *Proverbs 9:10*
 - **NIV:** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." — *Proverbs 9:10*
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Opening Prayer (5 minutes):

Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us together today. We invite Your presence into our midst and ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive Your wisdom. Guide our discussion and help us to understand Your Word deeply. May we learn to walk in Your ways and apply Your truths in our daily lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Introduction to the Topic (5-10 minutes):

Today's lesson focuses on the theme of "**Walking in God's Wisdom.**" In a world full of conflicting messages and opinions, it is vital for us as men to seek and live by God's wisdom. The Bible tells us that true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord—a deep respect and reverence for God. This wisdom is not just intellectual knowledge but a practical understanding that affects our everyday decisions and actions.

Biblical Basis:

The foundation of this wisdom is rooted in a relationship with God, where we recognize His holiness, authority, and guidance in our lives. The Bible teaches that wisdom from above is pure, peace-loving, considerate, and full of mercy (James 3:17). As men, we are called to seek this divine wisdom and apply it in our families, workplaces, and communities.

Bible Verses for Discussion (20 minutes):

1. Proverbs 2:6

- **ESV:** "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- **NIV:** "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

2. James 1:5

- **ESV:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."
- **NIV:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

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3. Ephesians 5:15-16

- **ESV:** "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."
- **NIV:** "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

4. Colossians 3:16

- **ESV:** "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."
- **NIV:** "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom..."

Discussion Questions (15-20 minutes):

1. What does "the fear of the Lord" mean to you, and how does it shape your understanding of wisdom?
2. How can we seek God's wisdom in our daily decisions and interactions with others?
3. Reflect on a time when seeking God's wisdom led you to a different decision than you initially intended. What was the outcome?

Life Application (10 minutes):

Walking in God's wisdom involves consistently seeking His guidance through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and living out His commands. It means being intentional in our choices, aligning them with God's will, and avoiding the world's foolishness. Encourage the group to commit to a daily time of prayer and study, asking for God's wisdom in specific areas of their lives—be it in marriage, parenting, work, or community service.

Practical Steps:

- **Daily Prayer for Wisdom:** Commit to praying daily for God's wisdom in all areas of your life.
- **Scripture Memorization:** Memorize Proverbs 9:10 to remind yourself that wisdom begins with a reverence for the Lord.
- **Wise Counsel:** Find an accountability partner or group to discuss decisions and seek collective wisdom grounded in God's Word.

Reflection and Encouragement (5-10 minutes):

Encourage the group to reflect on the areas of their lives where they need more of God's wisdom. Remind them that God generously gives wisdom to those who ask (James 1:5). No matter what challenges or decisions they face, they can trust that God will guide them as they seek His will. Wisdom from God is a treasure that brings peace, clarity, and purpose.

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Closing Verse:

- **ESV:** "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." — *James 3:17*
- **NIV:** "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." — *James 3:17*

Closing Prayer (5 minutes):

Lord, we thank You for the wisdom You freely give to those who seek You. As we go from this place, help us to walk in Your ways and make choices that honor You. May Your wisdom guide our steps, guard our hearts, and bless our paths. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Takeaway Challenge:

This week, take time each day to ask God for wisdom in a specific situation or decision. Write down any insights or guidance you receive, and be prepared to share your experience in the next session.

Online Bible Resources:

- Logos (www.Logos.com)
- Bible by Olive Tree (www.OliveTree.com)
- BibleGateway (www.BibleGateway.com)