

Grace in Action: Serving in God's Love
The Wisdom of God is Available for Us

Heavenly Father,
We come before you as a community and this flock.
We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.
Open our hearts and minds to receive the wisdom that comes from you.
Help us to discern between the spirit of the world.
Grant us the ability to interpret spiritual matters spiritually.
Help us to think and act in unity.
Help us to lay aside our individual agendas and seek your will for our community.
Guide us in our communal decisions.
Grant us the discernment to choose your path as we serve and support one another.
Help us to build our community on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.
Help us to be a light to those around us, reflecting your love and grace.
Thank you for your promise that your wisdom is available to those who seek it.
We give you all the glory.
In Jesus name, Amen

I want to start off telling you a story about how we need to use and honor God's wisdom, not the wisdom from evil and devil. People that are providing domestic terrorism and setting Tesla vehicles on fire in this nation are not listening to God's wisdom. They are listening to the devil. We need to stop listening to evil minded people in politics that include people in the Democratic Party that like to encourage violence. Turn to the person next to you and say honor God wisdom from above. We are supposed to be a nation under God. Do not let the devil take over your spirit and soul to encourage you to listen to devil and evil minded people in this world. We need to stop listening to evil and evil minded people in our families. I grew up in a household that had an evil and devil minded mother and stepfather. I explained in my testimony at the October 2023 commencement at Star of Hope Mission that I did not grow up in a christian household. My mother and stepfather did everything sin, temptation and devil-minded. I had to find and seek God on my own. I got tired of doing things out of pride and for the world, so I was able to come to God in 2011 and invite God to come into my heart and save me from this sinful world. I want to encourage young and old men in this nation that are struggling to follow God and do what I did to seek God in your life. I encourage young men in this nation to their sin and love the world. God cares about you and young men need Godly wisdom from above. Godly wisdom will lead you to make the right decisions in their life. Worldly wisdom from politicians and in your community can lead to wickedness and sin. We need to save our young men in this nation from sin.

If young men want to succeed like I did, they do not need to listen to people in the world that will lead to wickedness, sin and temptation. Young men and women need to do what I did to increase prayer life, depend on God and find a church home. This applies to those men and women like me that are or were not raised in a christian household. Young men and women need to do what I did and follow my footsteps when you are living in poverty or struggle. Do not depend on the government and politicians to take care of you and let politicians feed you idolatry like they care about you, your family and community. Sometimes I vote in elections or sometimes I don't because I do not let politicians and government run and dictate my life on how to live. I know God is my personal savior and he is the only one that can give me wisdom and dictate how to run my life on earth. God dictates my life and gives me wisdom about not living as a tax collector and mammon. God dictates my life and gives me wisdom about not letting

worldly idolatry control my life on earth. Turn to the person to you and say do not let the world control your spirit for God. turn to the person on the other side of you and say God will find a way with his wisdom. When young men and women go out to provide hate and envy to people, it means they are listening to devil wisdom not Godly wisdom. When young men and women hate on others in our communities and public places it is devil wisdom and we need to remove that trait from our life. We need to encourage young men and women to remove ungodly traits that represent the devil and evil from their life. We need to eliminate those traits and tribulations from our life to start seeking God's wisdom that leads us to righteousness and gives us a whole heart to God. Turn to the person next to you and say honor the grace of God in your life. We do not need to be listening to this world idolatry from people like Bernie Sanders talking about oligarchy. People like politics and this world is not the way we need to get our wisdom because God and heaven is the place to get our wisdom. Young men and women need to confess and repent for their sins and start living and trusting God in their life to understand God and his kingdom is the way through God's grace, eternal and everlasting life.

The ways we can make God's wisdom available to us by being consistent and sincere prayer to God and Holy Spirit. As Christians and disciples, we need to be communicating with God to gain his wisdom before we make daily life decisions. We need to be cautious so we do not make decisions leaning on our own understanding and pride. I learned not to do this and depend on my own understanding to make decisions while I was at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program. The devil wants us to do this, but we need to resist and not do this to keep our strong faith in God and Holy Spirit, creating quiet space for reflection allows you to listen for God's voice and consider His truths, regularly reading and studying scripture provides insights into God's character, principles, and guidance. The Bible is considered by many to be a primary source of divine wisdom. It's not enough to simply read the Bible; we must also strive to apply its teachings to our daily lives. Humility opens us up to receive guidance from a higher source. True wisdom often begins with acknowledging that we don't have all the answers. Obedience to God's principles creates a foundation for receiving His wisdom. When we align our lives with God's will, we become more receptive to his guidance. Living with honesty and integrity demonstrates a commitment to God's values. Paying attention to inner promptings and intuitive insights can help us discern God's guidance.

“But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. For, Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him? But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn’t talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren’t ready for anything stronger. And you still aren’t ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn’t that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren’t you living like people of the world? When one of you says, “I am a follower of Paul,” and another says, “I follow Apollos,” aren’t you acting just like people of the world? After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom

you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in[c] you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness. And again, The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise; he knows they are worthless. So don't boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you—whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.”-2 Corinthians 2:10-3:21

The verse emphasizes that God reveals spiritual truths to believers through His Spirit. The verse underscores that spiritual understanding isn't solely attained through human intellect or wisdom. Instead, it's a gift from God. The Holy Spirit is depicted as the agent who bridges the gap between God's knowledge and human understanding. The verse implies that there are profound truths about God that can only be grasped through spiritual discernment, facilitated by the Holy Spirit. The verse highlights the danger of unforgiveness, stating that it creates an opening for Satan to exploit. It emphasizes the importance of being aware of Satan's devices" or schemes. Unforgiveness breeds bitterness, resentment, and division which Satan can use to disrupt relationships and hinder spiritual growth. By holding onto grudges, individuals become vulnerable to manipulation and negative influences. The verse stresses the need for discernment and vigilance. Christians are encouraged to recognize Satan's tactics which often involve sowing discord and promoting conflict. The context of this verse within 2 Corinthians chapter 2, deals heavily with forgiveness. Paul encourages the church to forgive a person that had caused pain. Therefore this verse is telling the reader that not forgiving, would be giving Satan an advantage.

Forgiveness is presented as a crucial defense against Satan's attempts to undermine unity and harmony within the Christian community. The verse contrasts "the spirit of the world" with "the Spirit who is from God." It emphasizes that believers have received the Holy Spirit enabling them to understand the gifts God has freely given. The Holy Spirit enables believers to comprehend and appreciate the significance of God's gifts which would otherwise remain incomprehensible to human reason alone. This verse is very important when understanding that the things of God are spiritually discerned. The verse emphasizes that spiritual truths are conveyed not through human wisdom, but through words taught by the Holy Spirit. It highlights the importance of interpreting spiritual matters spiritually. Paul emphasizes that the message he and other apostles preached was not based on human eloquence or philosophical arguments. It originated from divine revelation with the Holy Spirit guiding the choice of words and the mode of expression. The Spirit's teaching goes beyond intellectual comprehension involving a deeper, transformative encounter with God's truth. The Holy Spirit is essential for discerning the meaning and application of spiritual

teachings. The verse states that the natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God considering them foolishness. The verse highlights that spiritual understanding is not a matter of intellectual ability or logical reasoning. This verse shows that there is a divide between the world's view and God's view. It means that the spiritual person can see things from God's point of view and therefore has a more accurate understanding of events, and people. The world's values and standards are often incompatible with God's leading to misunderstandings and misjudgments. The world can not understand the spiritual person because the world does not understand the spirit. This is the powerful declaration that believers through their union with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit possess a unique understanding. It doesn't mean that believers become omniscient, but that they gain access to Christ's perspective and discernment. It means that believers are able to understand spiritual things because they have the ability to think like Christ. This understanding is not based on human wisdom, but on divine revelation. This verse reinforces the idea that spiritual wisdom is a gift from God, received through faith in Christ. It emphasizes the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in shaping believers' thoughts and perspectives.

Paul states that he couldn't address them as spiritual people but as infants in Christ. He attributes their divisions and rivalries. This highlights that their behavior was not reflecting a mature spiritual understanding. Paul emphasizes that ministers like himself and Apollos are merely servants of God. He uses the analogy of planting and watering he planted and Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. This stresses that God is the one who brings about spiritual results, not human leaders. It also expresses the unity of the ministers and that they are God's fellow workers. Paul describes himself as a wise master builder who laid the foundation, which is Jesus Christ. He warns that everyone must be careful how they build upon this foundation. He uses the metaphor of building with different materials (gold, silver, precious stones vs. wood, hay, straw) to represent the quality of one's work. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are God's temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in them. He warns against destroying God's temple which implies causing division and corruption within the church. Paul cautions against worldly wisdom, stating that it is foolishness in God's sight.

We need to honor and continue to familiarize ourselves with the scripture to continue to depend on God's wisdom in their life.

1. Evaluate decisions and situations through the lens of God's Word
2. Be aware that those who do not have the spirit
3. Strive to think and act like Jesus
4. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform our minds and shape our perspectives.
5. Acknowledge that any spiritual growth or success is ultimately from God.
6. Avoid taking credit for our accomplishments
7. Appreciate the contributions of others in our lives
8. Avoid creating divisions or rivalries
9. Understand that those who ministers are servants of God
10. Ensure that our values, priorities, and actions are rooted in Jesus Christ.
11. Avoid building our lives on temporary or worldly foundations.
12. Recognize that our actions have eternal consequences.
13. Strive to live in a way that will honor God and endure through eternity.
14. Treat our bodies and the church community with respect recognizing that they are God's temple.
15. Avoid actions that cause division or corruption within the church.
16. Be wary of the world's definition of success and wisdom.

17. Seek God's wisdom
18. Be willing to become fools in the eyes of the world to gain true wisdom.
19. Recognize that true wisdom comes from humility and dependence on God
20. Remember that all things are of God

We need to stop getting and appreciating things people received from the world because this world is sinful. We need to be cautious about what influences us and who we have in our inner circle because this world is sinful and all about sinful idolatry in the world. We need to work on improving our inner circle and find a church home to seek God in our life and seek his wisdom from above. We need to serve God under his grace and as personal savior in our life. Young men and women in this nation need to be perfect examples for children to avoid all fear and foolishness by depending on God and live their life with the Holy Spirit. As Bishop and man of God, I try to be a wise master builder for communities because I am a problem solver in communities that is a cheerful giver that helps the homelessness and poor like I did in my hometown of Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, Cleveland, Louisville, Houston and NYC communities. I try to be a wise master builder for communities to strengthen families in this nation by telling my truthful stories about my life during my childhood and adults to encourage people to follow my footsteps to find ways to follow God and his kingdom, not listening and taking in idolatry and sin from this sinful world. I tell truths about my stories and testimonies to encourage them to follow me and seek God and the Holy Spirit about letting God deal with tribulations and trials in their life. Ways to structure and grow your inner circle is ensuring everyone in the circle shares a commitment to God and his word, establishing core values like humility, accountability, and a desire to seek God's will; define the circle's purpose: spiritual growth, prayer support, accountability; having a clear purpose keeps the group focused and prevents it from becoming just a social gathering; prioritize prayer and scripture study as the foundation, emphasize that God is the source of wisdom and guidance, choose individuals who demonstrate a genuine desire to grow in their faith, look for people who are teachable, humble, and willing to be accountable; consider diverse perspectives and strengths that can benefit the group, balance encouragement with constructive feedback, consistency is crucial for building trust and fostering spiritual growth, keep the group small to facilitate deeper connection and accountability, dedicate time to studying and discussing scripture, make prayer a central part of each meeting, pray for each other, community, and for God's guidance; create a safe space for honest accountability and encouragement, hold each other accountable for spiritual growth and adherence to biblical principles, share personal struggles and victories, ensure that personal information shared within the group remains private, consider engaging in service projects or outreach activities as a group, prioritize seeking God's will over personal opinions, avoid pride or self-righteousness, let scripture be the ultimate authority in your discussions and decisions, avoid relying on personal opinions or worldly wisdom, pray for the spirit of discernment to make sure that the group is staying on God's path.