

Test your Bible Knowledge

1. *The gathering at the pool of Gibeon ended in:*

- a. worship to God
- b. bloodshed
- c. the giving of gifts
- d. signing

2. *How many wives and concubines did King Solomon have?*

- a. 730 wives and 370 concubines
- b. 30 wives and 300 concubines
- c. 700 wives and 300 concubines
- d. 300 wives and 700 concubines

3. *After seven days and nights of silence with his three friends, Job opened his month and:*

- a. cursed the Lord
- b. cursed the day of his birth
- c. cursed Satan
- d. cursed his friends

Scriptures:

- 1) 2 Samuel 2:12-17
 - 2) 1Kings 11:3
 - 3) Job 2:11, 13; 3:1
- Fred Singleton

Private Bible studies available anytime!!

Schedule:

Sunday Bible Study - 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00AM

Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 PM

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"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Persuading Men To Obey God

So many people today are persuaded to do many things that are contrary to the will of the Lord. I believe that television is one of the number one devices in the world today that influences so many. Both the young and old are persuaded by what they watch and see. Employees are persuaded by their employer, children are persuaded by their parents and friends. Citizens are being influenced by their government on a daily basis. If we think about it we are all affected by some type of influence every day of our lives.

Do you remember in Acts 26:28 when King Agrippa said unto Paul, **"You almost persuade me to become a Christian."**? When you read Acts 26, you will find that Paul never told King Agrippa what he needed to do to become a Christian. In fact you will find that Paul was explaining why he was arrested and recounting his early life and conversion. Listen to Paul as he stands before the king. **"For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."** (Act 26:26-27) After hearing Paul's account, the king was almost persuaded to become a Christian but we are never told if he became one or not. Just talking to someone, about your past life; a servant of sin, who later became a servant of righteousness, can have an effect on the heart of the hearer, persuading them to become a Christian.

Think for a moment, whom have you persuaded recently? When was the last time you told someone about the Bible, persuading them to become just a Christian? -Fred Singleton

Exaggeration

“There are people so addicted to exaggeration they can’t tell the truth without lying”-Josh Billings

Christians Have A Godly Vision: Part II **Bible study on discipleship.**

Last week I closed suggesting that godly vision is wisdom. Remember that the word "vision," in the Bible, is limited to expressing divine revelation. Those who have a godly inner vision of themselves are, in Biblical terms, wise - understanding therefore obeying God's word.

Wisdom is the ability to discern inner qualities and relationships; hence, obtaining true knowledge, understanding, and sound judgment. A wise person will come to a knowledge of God's will ([1 Tim. 2:4](#)) and accurately apply His word in formulating a godly inner vision. In this perspective, let me suggest that wisdom is understanding, therefore obeying God's vision for man - e.g. salvation and the walk of life ordained by God for those in Christ.

Paul says: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" ([Eph. 5:15-17](#)). So in our vernacular we may say: One who has a godly vision is wise, understanding the will of the Lord. Note that the word understand denotes true understanding to the point of obedience to God, not just mental assent.

Concerning wisdom, knowledge, and understanding note the wisdom literature of David and Solomon. Wisdom is the principle thing. The wise obey God; and the unwise disobey God. The wise have a godly vision; and the unwise have an ungodly vision. Notice:

1. [Ps. 90:12](#) we must have a realization of judgment

2. [Ps. 111:10](#) we must be respectful of God, and His word
3. [Pr. 1:2-7](#) wisdom, instruction, perception, understanding, and knowledge are interconnected
4. [Pr. 2:6-10](#) wisdom and knowledge; shield, guard, preserve; understand, wisdom, knowledge are interconnected
5. [Pr. 4:7](#) "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."

Furthermore, Paul says that God alone is wise ([Eph. 3:10](#)); therefore those with a godly vision must appeal to God - else their vision is unwise. In this perspective, God has a vision for man which he has revealed in His word. Those who are wise understand God's vision and make God's vision their own vision. Some details of our vision may be different from others within the realm of activity authorized by God. Your vision may be in the field of medicine while my vision may be in the field of education. But, we both share a common vision toward God: Obedience and eternal life.

Now note this example of godly and ungodly vision ([2 Chron. 26:5, 16-21](#)). Uzziah became king at age sixteen. Zechariah was a prophet having understanding in the visions of God. Uzziah prospered as long as he sought God. Thus in our vernacular we may say: Uzziah prospered as long as his vision was according to the visions of God. But eventually Uzziah became proud and transgressed God's law by offering incense in the temple of the Lord. Therefore God punished him by striking him with leprosy whereby he was forced to live in isolation for the remainder of his life. What happened? Uzziah became proud and changed his inner vision in opposition to the visions of God. So it is for us today. We must be humble to make God's vision our vision. Any vision opposing the visions of God (divine revelation) condemns us to certain damnation.- Allan McNabb