

# *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding

## Proverbs 3: 5 - 6

What is understanding. It is the process of how we apply wisdom and knowledge to every situation and circumstance, with the ability to learn new concepts, in order to support greater actions in our life. Now, humanities' understanding varies depending upon behavior and how that the mind with limited knowledge comprehends the makeup of the world around us. Despite the amazing complexity of the human mind, and the abilities given unto each one by God himself, we lack completeness when it comes to attempting to identify, and put into perspective the knowledge that we possess, so that we might reveal a more accurate viewpoint of what we actually know. So, based upon everything worldly that we can observe and touch, this only accounts for a small percentage of our known reality, anything else we just do not simply comprehend. So, mankind tries of his own natural capacity to undergo a gradual transformation in order to overcome worldly limitations.

So, let's talk about the two types of understanding, there is worldly understanding and there is spiritual understanding. Worldly understanding focuses upon social status, financial stability, material success and security, and self-achievement. Spiritual understanding focuses on the wisdom and knowledge of the truth of Gods word. Now, the source of spiritual understanding begins with prayer and meditation, study, and listening to the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This allows us, as believers, to recognize, and search out the meaning of our salvation, by our faith, through maturing in our relationship with God. Spiritual understanding provides inner peace, with the purpose needed to truly abide in our life in Christ.

**John 15: 5,....**he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me you can do nothing....

Mankind's effort without Christ has no eternal significance, therefore, as believers, we acknowledge that every breath we take and every ability that we have originates in him. Mankind might have come from the dust of the earth, but it was God who breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. So, the strengths and abilities that we possess are provided by the divine grace of God. Therefore, as a believer, we respond to Christ as the ultimate source of our inner strength. Everything in life is a provision given unto us based upon Gods love, and it is meant to be used to glorify him.

**Proverbs 3: 5,....**lean not unto thine own understanding....

As believers, we are called to surrender every need, every challenge, every situation, and every circumstance, by faith, unto God, so that he may control every outcome by his divine direction. So, although worldly understanding is limited, spiritual understanding is unlimited and comes from an active choice to invite God into every aspect of our life. Our desire to understand helps us to acknowledge his ways, even when we cannot comprehend them. God never changes, and his standards never change, therefore, every person must choose to live a life according to his unchanging word, and in order to do this we must have spiritual understanding. So, where does spiritual understanding come from.

**Colossians 1: 9,....**for this cause we....do not cease to pray....and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and understanding....

Spiritual understanding is a gift from God, instilled within us by the Holy Spirit. It is a gift that guides us in our daily service so that we might glorify him. Spiritual understanding is not given to make us feel smarter or more enlightened, but it is given, so that it might reveal to us the ultimate goal of living a life worthy of the Lord, and serving him, by bearing good fruit through his good workings in our life. This comes according to our sincere faith and obedience to the gospel, which gives unto us our future hope in his promises.

**Ephesians 1: 17 – 19,....**the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom....in knowledge of him....the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power....

So, as believers, we are to pray for a spiritual awakening, This allows the Holy Spirit to help us to grasp the meaning of the divine truths of Gods word, so that we might find confidence, and have an unshakable expectation of our eternal life, so that we might experience the reality of our salvation in our daily life in Christ. God wants us to come to know his Son on a greater level, so that we might see the hope for which he has called us, so that we might understand the inner workings of his spirit. For true spiritual understanding comes from the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 10,....**as it is written, ( Isaiah 64: 4 ) eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....but God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit, for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God....

Without the spirit of God man cannot figure out the fullness of his plans, for worldly understanding has boundaries and limitations. Therefore, the things that we could never imagine are revealed to us through the Holy Spirit, by his word, helping us to perceive the spiritual realities which are impossible for our natural minds to accept. So, when we face uncertainties and hardships in our life, we can lean upon our spiritual understanding rather than leaning upon our own worldly limitations. Now, the spirit which indwells within us helps us to see the spiritual truths of God's word, by transforming his divine wisdom into reasoning that we can understand. This not only helps our faith and trust in him to grow, but it also assists us in maturing spiritually in our life in Christ, which glorifies the Father.

Now listen to this:

**Psalm 119: 18,....**open thou mine eyes, that I might behold wondrous things out of thy law....

So, it is a necessity in our life as a believer to gain divine understanding of the spiritual truths of Gods word, for this instills within us a deeper desire for personal change, which helps us to acknowledge the human limitations that hinder our relationship with him. Asking God to open our eyes is an act of surrendering unto him, which ensures that our hearts and our minds are receptive to his voice. So, how do we know that this transformation has taken place in our life. Because now we no longer see our obedience of the study of the promises and commandments of God's word as a chore, but we feel it as a spiritual experience, and it is this understanding that allows us to discover his mercy and his grace, his wisdom and his knowledge, his love and his compassion, all of which brings unto us the joy of the Lord in our daily lives, no matter what challenges we might face. Our spiritual understanding shows unto us the meaning of life through the divine truths of God's word.

Let us Pray

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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