

THE BEGINNING OF HOPE

PART THREE: WISDOM WALKING

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Knowledge and wisdom are not synonymous. We must “live with knowledge” if we are to walk in wisdom.

To truly live a life worthy of the Lord, we must be filled with the knowledge of His will, leading us to bear fruit and grow in our understanding of Him.

Pursue God’s Will

Colossians 1:9 *So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

We are to seek spiritual wisdom and understanding beyond our human knowledge.

We are to be filled with God’s knowledge, which means we need to discern it as truth.

Knowing God’s will begins our walk with Jesus.

Practice God’s Wisdom

Colossians 1:10a *Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit.*

The normal rules of human relationships apply to our relationship with Jesus.

Our thoughts, speech, decisions and reactions will take on the traits of those we spend the most time with.

Knowledge is not enough, we must remain in Jesus’ presence to truly emulate Him.

We are to practice applying God’s wisdom in our daily lives.

Progress in God’s Likeness

Colossians 1:10b *All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.*

We do not need a new spiritual experience, We need only to grow in the experience we have already had.

Growing in the knowledge of God is a lifelong journey.

Wisdom is knowledge put into action.

Knowledge leads to wisdom which leads to bearing fruit which leads to more knowledge, which leads to more wisdom.

Take this with you...

Understanding God's will is essential for living a life that honors Him.

We are to evaluate our actions and motivations so they are consistent with God's will.

Wisdom is rooted in Christ and is a gift from God, essential for discerning His will in our lives.

Spiritual growth leads to the practical outworking of faith as we follow Jesus.