

HOW GODLY WISDOM BENEFITS US

Note to the speaker:

Explain with warmth and conviction why the Bible is a book of true wisdom and how it provides practical direction for people of all ages. Highlight the benefits that come from applying God's wisdom when coping with life's challenges

“WISDOM IS PROVED RIGHTEOUS BY ITS WORKS” (3 min.)

Humans have made remarkable progress in science, medicine, and technology but have failed to eliminate war, crime, and poverty; human wisdom has not made people more loving, peaceful, or reasonable (Jas 3:13-16)

Human wisdom fails because it rejects the Source of true wisdom, Jehovah God (Pr 9:10; Jer 8:9; 1Co 1:19-21)
Godly wisdom is found in Jehovah's written Word, the Bible

Such wisdom is “proved righteous by its works” because it produces good results in the lives of those who choose to live by it (Mt 11:19b; Jas 3:17, 18)

GODLY WISDOM BENEFITS YOUNG PEOPLE (5 min.)

Young ones who love God's Word and live by it find happiness and true success (Ps 1:1, 2)

They know that Jehovah God loves them and that it is for their own good that he wants them to be clean morally and to use their youthful energy to serve him (Ec 12:1; Isa 48:17)

When youths are guided by Jehovah's counsel, they are spared the painful results that come from bad associations and degrading entertainment (Ps 119:9; Pr 13:20; Ga 6:7, 8)

Youths who know Jehovah enjoy meaningful lives and have a secure future (Ps 73:28; 1Jo 2:17)

GODLY WISDOM BENEFITS MARRIED COUPLES (5 min.)

In his Word, God dignifies both husbands and wives; he directs them to show genuine love and respect for each other (Eph 5:28, 33; *w13* 5/15 17-18 ¶11-17)

Put the needs and interests of your mate ahead of your own (Mt 19:4-6; *lv* 126-128 ¶13-15)

Couples can overcome problems by communicating freely (Eph 4:29, 31, 32; Col 4:6; *w15* 1/15 26-27 ¶13-15)

Those who apply godly wisdom in their marriage find genuine contentment, maintain a good conscience and, above all, show their love and respect for Jehovah, the Originator of marriage

GODLY WISDOM BENEFITS US IN TIMES OF PERSONAL DIFFICULTY (15 min.)

Godly wisdom can strengthen us so that we do not despair or panic when problems arise (Ps 23:1-4)

When facing economic pressures

Keep the Kingdom and Jehovah's righteousness first in your life, fully confident that God will “make the way out” for you (1Co 10:13; Mt 6:33; *w14* 4/15 21 ¶17)

If you are tempted to pursue employment that requires separation from your family, pray for godly wisdom and follow Jehovah's commands and principles (Pr 28:6)

Some have ignored the risks of living apart from their spouse and children and have suffered painful consequences (*w14* 4/15 19-20 ¶8-11)

Your family's spiritual needs are your priority (De 6:6, 7; *w14* 4/15 18-19 ¶7)

When distressed by serious health problems

Keep on asking Jehovah to help you to endure and to be guided by Bible principles as you choose health treatments (Pr 14:15; *w15* 12/15 26 ¶14-16; *w06* 3/1 25 ¶12-13)

Avoid isolating yourself; we need the love of our brothers, as well as the encouragement provided by our Christian meetings (Pr 18:1; Mt 18:20; Heb 10:24, 25)

Know that Jehovah understands your present circumstances (Na 1:7; Mr 12:41-44)

When coping with stress or loneliness

Although serving God, you may at times feel lonely because of singleness, divorce, or bereavement

Keep your mind fixed on your hope for the future, and continue to have an active share in the ministry (Ac 20:35; 2Co 4:18)

Godly wisdom can keep you from making bad decisions out of desperation (Ps 55:22; 1Ti 5:5)

When feeling discouraged, supplicate Jehovah for his peace

Do not hesitate to draw help from your spiritual brothers and sisters (Php 4:6, 7; *w14* 6/15 9 ¶4)

JEHOVAH WILL HELP YOU TO GAIN AND APPLY WISDOM (2 min.)

Jehovah's wisdom is always proved righteous, and it benefits us no matter what our circumstances may be
[Read James 1:5]

Pray for God's wisdom, apply it, and trust God to help you deal with life's problems (Jas 3:13)

Take delight in your relationship with Jehovah now and for all eternity (Jer 9:23, 24)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]