



In life, we are faced daily with making decisions, and in the process we need wisdom to make the right choices.

What is true wisdom? James 3:17 gives this answer: "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

Clearly, wisdom is to live under values and principles that honors God and shows love to the world. The reason Jesus said in Mat 7:24, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Where does true wisdom come from? James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

And our goal for seeking wisdom is: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe." (Eph 1:17-19)

Quite a difference from the so-called wisdom of the world, right?

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Interestingly, the world tries each day to impose its will on people through defining ever changing notions about life, simply to satisfy the flesh. Our so-called wise society invents new genders, in effect rejecting God's purpose in creation: Two genders only, male and female, without any fluidity in-between.

Jesus in Mat 19:4 said, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female?'" Yet, we are now encouraged to define ourselves as who we desire to be, rather than live as God created us, thereby rejecting God in the process!

Then, in Mark 10:6-7 Jesus confirmed that marriage union is to be between a man and a woman this way: "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife."

The world now rejects God's edict and, for example, glorifies unions between same sex. Yet God said to man in Lev 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination."

Paul in 1Cor 6:9-10 warned us: "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

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We all know that there are many ways to reach our physical destinations in life, whether by car, bus, airplane or whatever else. However, there is only one way to God, and it is through Christ.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Yet the world is more drawn to define their own god, in inventing religions that cater to their imagination of what they desire their god to be, to satisfy their pride and flesh.

In Isaiah 53:3, we find a prophesy illustrating the world's rejection of Christ: "He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him."

The apostle in John 1:11 said, "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him."

Acts 4:12 declare, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Will we choose God's Way to His Kingdom for eternity through Christ, the "Living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious" (1Peter 2:4), or will we follow the world's foolish imitations and be separated from God for eternity?

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Is there a difference between “genuine love” as defined by God as compared to the world’s imitations?

John 3:16 defines true genuine love from God to the point of Christ dying for us. In essence, love as defined by God is directed towards desiring the best for others, even at a cost to us; true “agape love” in other words. The reason Jesus encompassed the 10 commandments into two in Mat 22:37-39; to love God above all, then our neighbor as ourselves.

Where does the world point us in defining love, if not simply in the selfishness of the flesh?

2Tim 3:1-4 gives us clear description of our world in this age: “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

1John 2:15 says, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” We must choose between God’s love, or the world’s deceptive imitations.

What will our choice be, God or the world?

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Throughout our life, we are given the opportunity to decide as to whether we will follow God or the world. And the only way we are offered to reach God is, as Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

As believers in Christ then, we must choose to live by the Spirit and not the flesh, because as Gal 5:17 clearly state, "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another."

Why? Rom 8:7-8: "Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

Scripture makes it clear that we either chose one or the other as the two are in complete opposition. The reason 1John 2:15-16 says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

Finally in Mark 10:38 Jesus said, "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

Will we follow God's wisdom in Christ for eternal life, or the flesh for eternal separation from God?

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