SOP: Wisdom Series: Difference between Wisdom and Knowledge

Knowledge:

- Knowledge is the collection of facts, information and the skills you acquire through education and experience.
- Knowledge is all about 'knowing' certain information; something that is quantifiable and objective—that can be gathered from books, classes, etc.
- Knowledge explains how to do something
- Knowledge is acquired through study, collecting facts, memorizing

Wisdom:

- Wisdom is the ability to discern how, when and why to use knowledge/information in real life situations
- Wisdom takes in knowledge—but has understanding
- Wisdom has to do with application—requires perspective and good judgment
- Wisdom is how we demonstrate discernment—when, where and if you should do something
- Wisdom is acquired through experience, synthesis, submission to the mind of Christ, and received through the Holy Spirit as a gift from above.
- Wisdom is not just the accumulation of biblical knowledge—it is the Spirit-enabled ability to perceive reality from God's perspective and respond in ways that reflect His character

Wisdom has 3 Components

- Seeking/Gaining Wisdom—Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:6
- Acquiring Understanding—II Timothy 3:15-17, Proverbs 17:24
- Applying Wisdom and understanding in daily life—Proverbs 1:23

Benefits of Wisdom:

James 3:17-18

- Equips one to navigate complex situations, avoid costly mistakes, foster long term personal growth—Proverbs 24:3, Jeremiah 51:15
- Enhanced decision making—Ephesians 1:8, Colossians 1:28
- Protects from harm
- Keeps you from acting on impulse—
- Reduces anxiety
- Communion with God—Proverbs 2:1-20, I Corinthians 1:21, I Corinthians 1:30
- Cultivates joy—Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 24:13-14, Proverbs 29:3,
- Protects—Proverbs 2
- Leads to discernment—Proverbs 24:14

Gaining Wisdom:

- Listening/Giving Attention—Job 11:5-6, Proverbs 5:1
- Reflection—Proverbs 14:33, Psalm 51:6
- Explore/ Observe/Inquire/Integrate—Proverbs 3:13, James 1:5, Ecclesiastes 1:16, Job 28
- Humility—I Corinthians 2:5
- Develop a stable pace/rhythm—life practices—Isaiah 33:6
- Learn by your successes as well as mistakes—Job 12:12,Proverbs 29:15