

# Wisdom Beyond Years

**I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.  
I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey Your precepts.  
--Psalm 119:99-100**

In my circle of friends and acquaintances, there is a great deal of knowledge about many different things. There are doctors, nurses, attorneys and judges. There are mechanics, plumbers, engineers and pilots. There are cooks, decorators, computer programmers and landscape artists. There are contractors, teachers, editors, executives, fundraisers, salesmen, psychologists, police officers and firefighters. There are lobbyists, legislators, pastors, missionaries, printers, librarians, businessmen, homemakers, office workers and secretaries. And the list goes on.

Vast is the array of knowledge attainable to us in this day and age. There are so many directions you could take in life. But whatever direction you are going, if you want to be truly successful in a way that matters, there is one key: However much knowledge you attain, make it your aim to know the Bible better than you know anything else. Then everything else will fall into place.

The better you know the Word of God and apply it to your life, the more wisdom and understanding you will have for whatever life throws your way. If you are a young man or woman, and you make it your practice to live life by the Word, you will have people saying things to you like, "You have wisdom beyond your years." And it will be true. Because God's Word offers that wisdom to every one of us, regardless of age.

On the other hand, you could do what the world does. You could rely only on your experience and your education to give you the tools you need to go through life. But that will leave you deficient in understanding and insight. Every time you face something that you've never faced before, you will be ill-equipped to handle the situation. Because you're only living one life. One life is all any of us shall have in this world, and one life is not enough to attain great wisdom through trial and error and observation. A mere century of experience, by itself, won't be enough to steer you clear of mistakes or point you in the right direction.

How many times I have heard someone, coming to a realization that their experience has taught them, say, "I wish I had known this when I was younger." And so often my mind responds to them silently, "That truth you're

expressing is found in the Bible. So you didn't have to learn it the hard way. You **COULD** have known this before it was too late."

Schooling is valuable, but not as valuable as learning the Word. Experience is a great teacher, but the Bible is an even better one. Get into this Book of books. It is alive. It is powerful. It freely gives the reader insight and guidance from the mind of God, whose wisdom is eternal and infinite. So no matter how old you get, you can still study the Bible and obtain wisdom beyond your years.

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