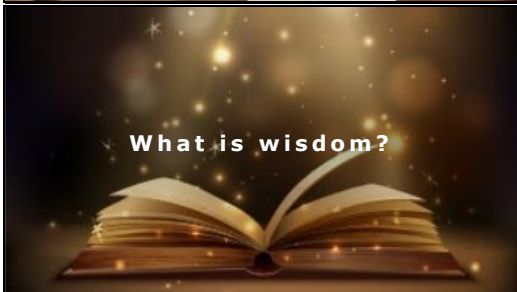
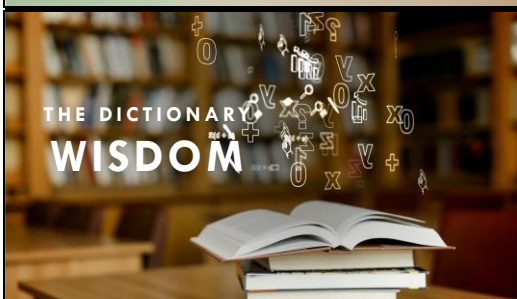
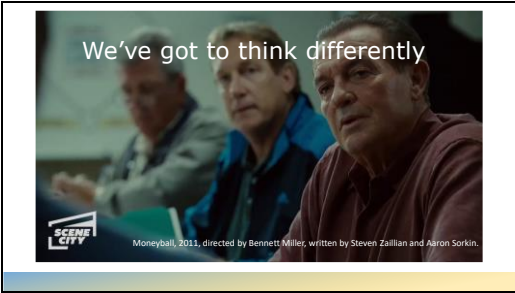


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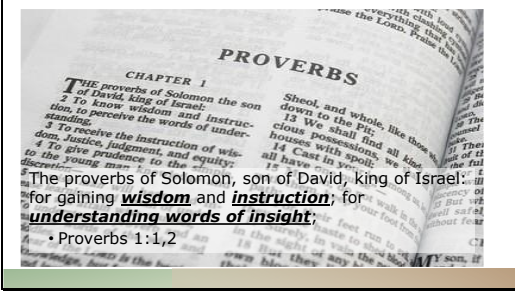
Moneyball – we’ve got to think differently



Goldfinger – how to disable the bomb?



God’s wisdom expresses the clearest, highest and noblest, ascribed to other than God or good men, includes the striving after the best ends as well as the using of the best means, is mental excellence in its highest and fullest sense, there can be no wisdom apart from goodness.



The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining **wisdom** and **instruction**; for **understanding words of insight**; **wisdom** – firmness, solidity, having an opinion based upon sound reasons; the opposite state of mind to being “carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14).

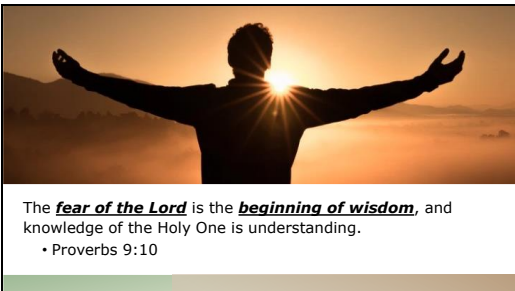
**Instruction** – Or rather, discipline, the knowledge how to keep oneself under control.

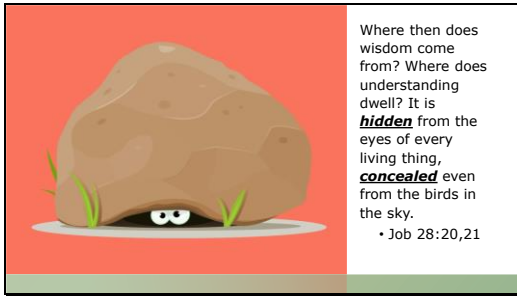
**understanding words of insight** – To have the senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” n

The **fear of the Lord** is the **beginning of wisdom**, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**fear of the Lord** – the terror one feels in a frightening situation, respect in the way a servant fears his master and serves him faithfully, the reverence or awe a person feels in the presence of greatness. In summary, it’s the continual awareness that our loving heavenly Father is watching and evaluating everything we think, say, and do”

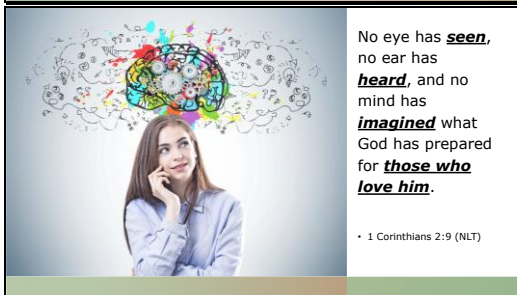
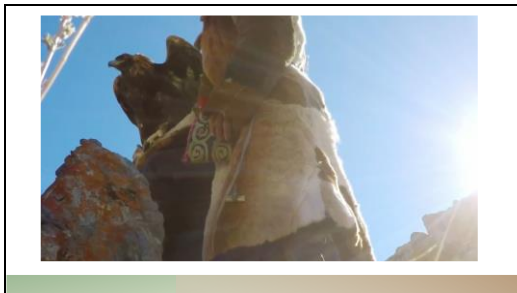
**beginning of wisdom** – God is foundational to true wisdom; all other types of learning are worthless unless built upon a knowledge of the Lord Himself.





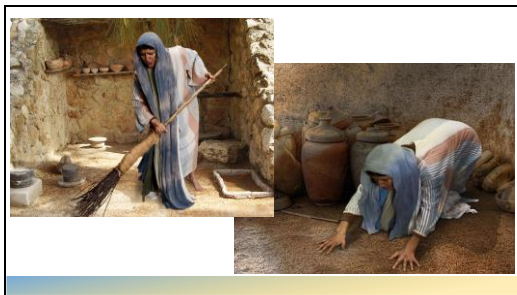
Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? It is **hidden** from the eyes of every living thing, **concealed** even from the birds in the sky.

**hidden** – Wisdom is nowhere to be attained, not physical, can't be seen with our eyes.  
**concealed** – kept close, no creature can attain to it, birds have better sight and even they can't see it. How does a hawk see the world? A whole lot better than we do.



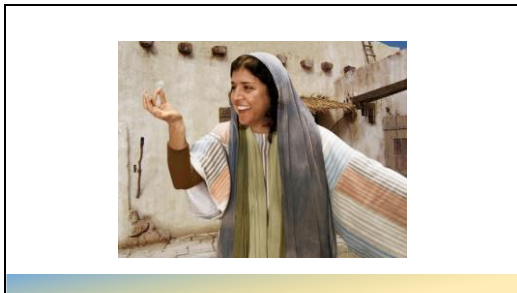
No eye has **seen**, no ear has **heard**, and no mind has **imagined** what God has prepared for **those who love him**.

**seen** – eyes  
**heard** – ears  
**imagined** – head, brain  
**those who love him** – Not have an idea about him but totally and actively in love, wanting nothing but the best that God has to give/offer, preciousness of the other.



Luke 15:8-10 is a good example of this. It's about a woman who has 10 valuable coins. But, somehow, one of them gets lost. She doesn't say, "I've got nine coins, so I'm not going to worry about the lost one." Instead, she turns her house upside down to look for it and celebrates when it's finally found.


Just because her coin was lost doesn't mean it had lost its value. It still had great value! But what it lost was its potential to do any good.



God made you to do great things, far greater than you could possibly imagine. In fact, if God showed you what he wants to do with your life when you completely place it in his hands, it would astound you!

If any of you lacks **wisdom**, you should **ask God**, who **gives generously** to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

• James 1:5



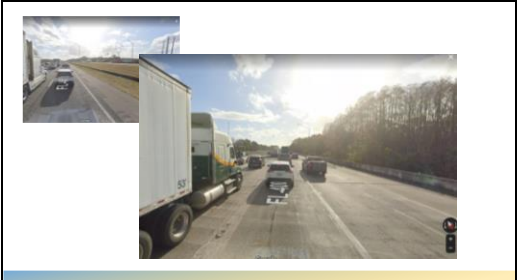
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**Wisdom** – think of this as clarity

**ask God** – presently and actively asking, and asking, and asking.

**gives generously** – liberally, simply, openly, frankly, sincerely, that’s the way God gives.


Is wisdom a guarantee?



The wise thing to do is to let them in.  
 But how many do I let in.  
 Tried an experiment – let one in and waited to see how many would go through?  
 Would they stop and let me in?  
 3 went through before someone let me in  
 I watched the 3 to see what would happen to them

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• Romans 11:33-36



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**beyond tracing out!** – cannot be traced out, cannot be tracked out, a blood-hound who found it impossible to follow the scent of a criminal, or of a guide who could not trace out or follow a poorly marked path in the woods

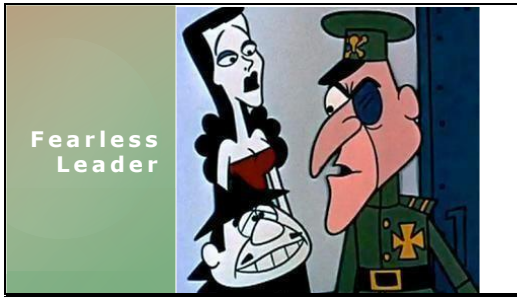
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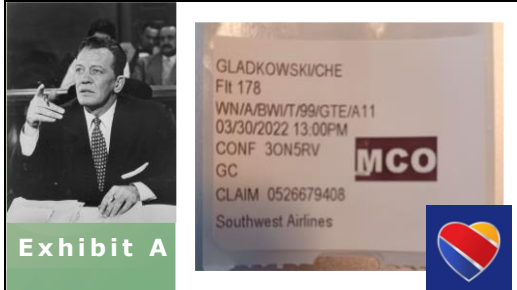
**Who** has ever given to God, that God should repay them? – No one.

So, how did you do this week?

How did I do this week?



How did your fearless leader do this week?



William Talman on Perry Mason.  
Repeated Luke 18::13- "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'  
But then asked her forgiveness too.



There is grace and forgiveness

