

Wisdom – 2 (Seven Pillars of Wise Living) Knowledge and Understanding

Proverbs 9:1 (ref)

The house of wisdom has seven pillars.

Proverbs 1:2-4 (KJV)

1. Knowledge
2. Understanding
3. Judgment
4. Justice
5. Equity
6. Discretion
7. Subtlety

All seven work together in perfect balance and harmony, bringing success and prosperity into our lives.

1. Knowledge (the value and importance of instruction)

Knowledge of God; by God; from God

- To see, perceive; to know
- To be informed of truth (John 17:17)
- John 8:31-32 (ref)
- Hosea 4:6 (ref)
- II Peter 1:2 (ref)
- Romans 10:17 (ref)

God's Word gives us a knowledge of God.

God's Word is His will = faith

- The only thing worse than a lack of knowledge is the wrong knowledge.

[Areas of Importance in Knowledge]

God's Love

Forgiveness

Grace and faith

Mercy and goodness

The other six pillars

2. Understanding = proper application of knowledge

Proverbs 4:7 get understanding

- Interpretation / comprehension / proper arrangement of facts

“Here is the problem (knowledge).”

“Here is the answer (understanding).”

I Chronicles 12:32 (Son of Issachar)

“They had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do.”

“Here is what God says.....”

“Here is what it means.....”

Understanding = the capacity to distinguish between true or false; good and bad; right and wrong; what’s important and not important at all.

Psalm 111:10 a good understanding have all they that do His commandments.”

Matthew 7:24-27 (ref)

Two houses

Rains / floods / winds

“Hears God’s Word = knowledge”

“Obeys = understanding”

Job 28:28 (“.... the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”)

Jeremiah 3:14-15 (NLT)