

Small Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

7 Secrets of the Wise

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Jesus Christ came that each of us might have abundant life (Jn.10:10).

Q What part does wisdom play in us enjoying everyday life?

Secret 1

The wise see a bigger picture.

Some cannot see the forest because of the trees. Others only consider the present and give no thought to where our decisions may lead us.

Q What are some things we can do to get a better perspective regarding our decisions?

Secret 2

Wisdom is a secret because it has to be found.

Sometimes it is hiding in the midst of various fine sounding arguments. Or maybe it's hidden because of the prevailing confusion. In Acts 27 in the midst of various arguments regarding whether to sail or not, Paul perceived something that was from God (See also Prov.3:5). The wise commit their decisions to God.

Q How do we commit our ways to God?

Secret 3

The wise know how to make good sharp decisions.

We make decisions in an instant and live with the consequences. The Word of God is sharp. It divides truth and error (See Heb.4:12). We should all be a people of the

Word of God. It's a lamp to our feet. Some would consider it foolishness to take a man at his word. In days gone by, some business deals were sealed with a handshake.

Q How can we make God's Word personally sharper by meditating on it?

Secret 4

The Wise have an understanding of right timing.

Wisdom has to do with the application of knowledge. Ecc.3 says that there is a right time for every activity under heaven.

Gal.4:4 "In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son born of a woman"

The above verse speaks of a right time for the Son of God to be born.

Share times when you have said the right thing at the wrong time.

Secret 5

The Wise are holistic regarding their lives.

We live our lives with many different needs and wants competing for our time.

These include God, family, relaxation and exercise, socialising, work, and serving God.

Q Is there an easy way to get the balance right?

Secret 6

The wise make a difference.

Some wise people use their wisdom for the benefit of others. They give their lives for a cause. They do not separate wisdom from their faith.

Q Why is a more blessed to give rather than receive - other than the reason that Jesus said it?

Secret 7

The Wise understand that they are not really wise.

Our God is all knowing. He is the original know it all. We will never know it all like Him. At best we only see a very small part of a big picture. Although God opposes the proud He gives grace to the humble.

Q How do we humble ourselves so that we can have the favour of God on our lives?