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# EXTREME FAITH

**How do you  
define Wisdom?**

"How do you get wisdom  
and once you have  
it what do you  
do with it?"

## What Wisdom Makes Wise?

### WHAT IS YOUR WISDOM SOURCE?

#### Wisdom for sell!

How many decisions do you have to make every day? What do you allow to guide you in making those decisions?

From the moment you wake up to the end of the day you might make around the 612 decisions a day. This equals to 4,900 decisions in a week and 254,800 in a year. That is a lot of decisions for sure! Whew, how do we go about making those decisions? For many of them we don't really need a ton of wisdom to make the decision, like what to eat for breakfast, do you or do you not brush your teeth before you leave the house, what you will wear for the day. I mean some of these decisions just happen, because they are the same decisions that we make everyday.

But there are those decisions that come to you at times, where you need wisdom on your side! You will need to put on your thinking cap and be ready to make the decision with all the right answers.

Have you ever had one of those decisions come your way? The one that you need to think about, the one that tempts you, the one that puts peer pressure on you.

You know the decisions that I am talking about they might not come your way everyday, but when they come, you need wisdom on your side. To have wisdom on

your side you need to have a history using wisdom and having conversations with wisdom.

The Bible has a lot to say about wisdom. The book of Proverbs is the book of wisdom in the Bible. But I think of the whole book as a conversation with God and that conversation leads me to be wise in the decisions that I have to make.

The Bible says this about wisdom: **James 1:5 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.** Sign me up I lack wisdom every day for sure! God is so awesome, and so cool. He will give wisdom to anyone who ask and he will not try to find reasons to not give you wisdom he just gives it out. I mean God knows that if we have wisdom on our side then we will choose Him and will go the way He longs for us to go. Wisdom can only steer us to make decisions that God will find pleasing. Making decisions that make God pleased is the key to a wonderful and worth living. So you don't need any experience, you don't need to be the best of the best you just have to ask the best of the best and God will grant you wisdom!

**WISE UP AND  
ASK WISDOM**

Got  
Wis  
dom ?

Wisdom do you have it?

Well we all have it at times, but the real question to ask is do we use it do we call on it and put it into action.

Think about it this way you can have all the money in the world and still live a life as a poor person. Unless you take the money out of the bank and use it to put a roof over your head, it does no good. Wisdom is like that. We have to use it and put it to use in our lives. If you don't pull from the source of wisdom you just live a life as an unwise person.

# Gaining Wisdom means Trusting His Wisdom more than yours

"Cross This Line" by Ruth

This is where it starts  
This is where it ends  
You said it and I'm ready  
It's the start of something new  
And it's creeping inside you  
To the heart of who you are  
You're gonna cross this line  
And now's the time  
You're gonna know it  
Goin'

Refrain:  
Tell me that you want me  
Tell me that you see me  
I'm giving you everything I have  
I'm giving you everything I am  
Tell me that you want me  
Tell me that you see me  
I'm telling you right now  
Here I am

You're not giving up  
You're not giving in  
To the life you knew before this  
You're gonna cross this line  
And now's the time  
You're gonna know it  
Goin'

I am always your I give you my heart, my mind, and my soul

I'm telling you right now  
Here I am



This song is featured on  
Second Hand Dreaming album  
by  
Ruth

# Real Life Hero's

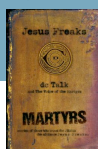
Hatred Traded for Happiness

Idrie Kiah

Bangladesh 1995

"My name is Idris Miah. I have a wife named Rahana and four girls, ages seven, five, three, and one. I was a good Muslim man, but I knew a bad Muslim man named Abu Bakkar Sidhikki who would often get drunk. No one in our village liked him, but what Abu eventually did made us hate him: he became a Christian. Some Christian men had visited his house and told him about Jesus. Abu then accepted Jesus and became a Christian. "The village leaders met and decided that what he did was so bad that we would have to kick him out of our village and bum down his house. We formed a group of twenty-five men and went to his house. We were sneaking up to his house to take him by surprise. "As we got closer we could hear him praying. He was actually praying for our whole village. He was asking Jesus to forgive everyone in the village. He said Jesus should forgive us because we did not know what we were doing. This made us angry because we thought we knew what we were doing. Then all twenty-five of us rushed to his house to apprehend him, but there was an invisible force that would not let any of us enter his house to drag him out. We all became scared and everyone ran back to his own house. "When I got home I could not sleep. I kept thinking about Abu's prayer. He said we did not know what we were doing. Was it true? Was he right? I tossed and turned but could not get this experience out of my mind. Finally, at 3:00 A.M. I could not wait any longer. I went back to Abus house and said, 'Who is Jesus?' "He told me how Jesus gave his life for sinners and how I could be saved. After three hours of this, I asked Jesus to forgive me and I surrendered my life to him. Jesus saved me! "I rushed to my house and shared what happened to me with my wife and she also became a Christian along with my children. "As the news of our conversion spread, the village leaders, including my father-in-law, condemned us. They said that no one can hire me to work in their fields. I am poor and do not own any land to farm myself. If no one will hire me, how can I support my family? They said they will give me seven days to change my mind and become a Muslim again, or they will kick us out of the village. Thank God they haven't done this yet. My children have already been kicked out of school because we became Christians. "I have the joy of Jesus in my heart. I give my life and my family to Jesus. I hope this gift is acceptable to my Lord."

If people persecute you because you are a Christian, don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow... Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good. Paul the Apostle Martyred In Rome, 65 AD (ROMANS 12:14,15.21 NIT)



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# WISDOM

EXTREME APPLICATION

Everyone wants to be wise, but you can only be wise if you put it into action. We all have those friends who tell us great things we should do, but they themselves don't follow their own advice. Wisdom is only wisdom when you put it into action. You have to ask what should you do which is the right thing and then you have to do it. You have to put it into action. We all have wisdom and we can have all we want, just ask God for it. But in the end we have to act out of the wisdom that He gives us!

## Think About it (The Tension of Wisdom)

What does the world say is wise?

What does the Bible say is wise?

There is tension in between these to view points.

Think about it, the world says to take care of yourself and promote yourself at all cost. Live more comfortable each year no matter what. But Jesus tells us to serve it to lead and when we serve others we are leading. The world says that a leader is served by others. Confusing, yes it can be.

Take a look at Romans 12:1-2 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will. There is tension in this verse because we live in this world and it is hard to not be shaped by it, but we are to live for something more! We are to be shaped and transformed by God's word. When we choose to live in wisdom we are saying that we are choosing to live the way that God would have us live. We are saying that wisdom only comes from God! He is the giver of wisdom and when we live by God and from God we are in opposition of the world. The world does not follow God's wisdom, it follows the worlds wisdom. There will be tension we we follow God. But in that tension we also find freedom as we live the way that God would have us live. Making the right decision starts with asking God for Wisdom and then it only becomes wisdom when you put it into action. Action, wisdom lived out! Making the right decision because you choose to follow God.

Tension will come but in the end making good decisions will lead you the right way every time!



# DIG IN

Read James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

1. Who would you go to for advice if you had to make an important decision?

mother	pastor	school	girlfriend
youth	counselor		Internet
pastor	fortune teller		
coach	grandparent		
best friend	boyfriend		
teacher	nobody		
my dog	father		

2. Check the areas where you need to have more wisdom.

<input type="checkbox"/> My schoolwork	<input type="checkbox"/> My family life
<input type="checkbox"/> My feelings	<input type="checkbox"/> My time
<input type="checkbox"/> My friendships	<input type="checkbox"/> My use of money
<input type="checkbox"/> My ability to listen to advice	<input type="checkbox"/> Other—

3. What three things listed below would help you become a wiser person?

<input type="checkbox"/> A. Reading more books	<input type="checkbox"/> F. Praying more often
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Choosing wiser friends	<input type="checkbox"/> G. Thinking before I act
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Studying the Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> H. Asking God for more wisdom
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Taking more risks	<input type="checkbox"/> I. Watching more television
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Asking more questions more often	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Going with my feelings

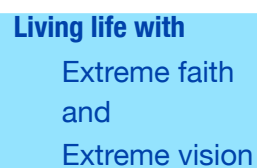
4. The following verses talk about wisdom. Check out each verse and match it with the correct statement.

1. Proverbs 1:8: It's wise to —	a. control what you say
2. Proverbs 3:5-6: It's wise to —	b. trust in God wholeheartedly
3. Proverbs 4:23: It's wise to —	c. listen to your parents
4. Proverbs 10:19-20: It's wise to—	d. guard your heart
5. Proverbs 12:22: It's wise to—	e. control your temper
6. Proverbs 22:24-25: It's wise to—	f. speak the truth
7. Proverbs 29:11: It's wise to —	g. choose friends carefully

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



**Look it over, read the story again, dig into the questions and write out your thoughts...**

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