

Knowledge vs Wisdom

Have you ever met someone who knows everything... but their life is still a mess?

They can quote scripture... finish your sentences... correct your theology... but they still don't walk it out.

That's the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

Definition

Knowledge is knowing what is right. Wisdom is doing what is right.

Knowledge fills your head. Wisdom directs your steps.

1 Corinthians 8:1 – “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”

Proverbs 9:10 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

The Two Builders

Matthew 7:24–27 – Two men heard the same truth. One built on sand. One built on rock. The storm hit both.

The difference wasn't what they heard—it was what they did.

Both men had knowledge... but only one had wisdom when the storm came.

The Danger

You can know every Bible story, every verse, every doctrine—and still be far from God.

James 1:22 – “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only...”

Knowledge hears. Wisdom obeys.

Some people are educated beyond their obedience.

Wisdom Comes From God

James 1:5 – “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...”

You can study all day and still miss it. But one prayer can change your direction.

Application

Knowledge says: I know I shouldn't be doing this. Wisdom says: I'm done today.

Knowledge says: I know I need to forgive. Wisdom says: I'm letting it go right now.

Knowledge says: I know God is calling me. Wisdom says: Here I am, send me.

Closing Illustration

If I told you this glass had poison in it... you now have knowledge.
Wisdom is choosing not to drink it.

Some people come to church every week... God shows them what's
in their life... and they say, "I
know..." but keep drinking it anyway.

Knowledge says, "That's poison." Wisdom says, "Put it down."

God isn't asking what you know... He's asking what you're going to
do.

Final Line

Knowledge tells you what's right... but wisdom is when you finally
walk away from what's wrong.