



- (ii) The knowledge and ability to make right choices at the opportune time and the consistency in making the right choice is an indication of maturity and development.
- (iii) Ability to interpret dreams (Dan. 2:30, 5:14,15).

**NB:** Chokmâh refers to practical wisdom.

At this juncture, it must be understood that there are 3 kinds of wisdom based on source or origin viz Heavenly (divine) Demonic, and natural (Jas3:13-17).

As citizens of heaven and joint heirs with Christ we must go the wisdom of our class – the heavenly, and true variety. This kind of wisdom is based on the fear of the Lord (Pro.1:7; 9:10).

Wisdom is also defined as the ability to make profitable use of knowledge.

There are Bible characters that became outstanding by the wisdom that they exhibited like: **Joseph** was separated from his brethren and consistently feared the Lord until his exaltation (Gen. 49:22-26), **Bezaleel** who was endowed with the ability to make the patterns shown to Moses (Exo. 31:3-6), **Abigail** whose act of instinct pacified David after the foolish utterance of her husband (1 Sam. 25:14-35). **Solomon** whose writings and judgment distinguished him as the wisest of the naturally born. (1 Kgs. 4:29-34)

Our Lord Jesus stands out as the wisest man that has and will ever exist. (Lk. 11:31)

Wisdom played out conspicuously in Apostle Paul's ministry as he overcame the challenges of life (Acts 9:24-25, 23:6). The Lord Jesus enjoined His disciples to be wise as the absence can cause premature termination of calling (Matt.10:16,23).

Wisdom is the agent of creation or development and it goes together with knowledge and understanding (Pro.24:3,4) and prudence – good judgment (Pro.8:12).

There is need for conscious engagement of wisdom in all areas of life: parenting and family life; church; business; career; health. For example: wisdom will make one to enjoy sabbath, exercise, eat moderately, do spiritual exercises: fasting regularly, prevent diseases by taking precautions – drink clean water, use mosquitoes nets, etc.

Every success has some wisdom behind it, and without wisdom there can be no success (Pro.8:18,21,35).

The believer must ensure that he is working with heavenly wisdom that has godly characteristics (Jas.3:17-18).

Those whose lives seem devoid of wisdom are to –

- (i) Submit to the Lordship of the Wisdom of God (1Cor.1:24,30)
- (ii) Pray for the manifestation of wisdom (Jas.1:5; Pro.8:17)
- (iii) Begin to live in the consciousness that God's wisdom is operational in your life and confess it (Rom.10:10; Mk.11:23).

Walking in wisdom will guarantee *jumping in the joy of Jubilee*.