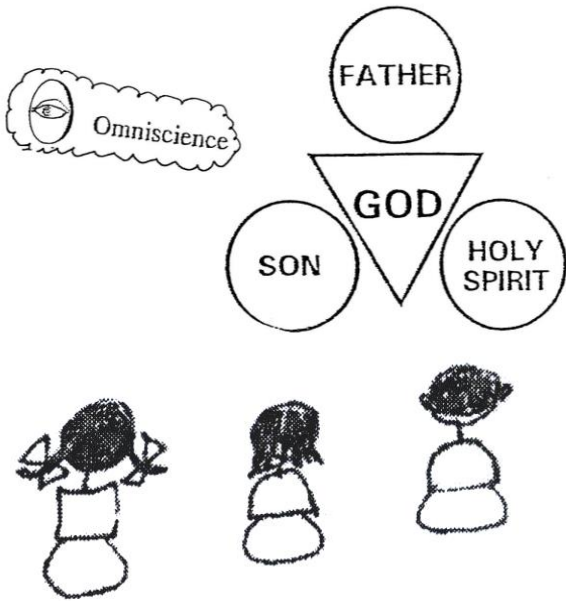


# Know, Consider, Let It Happen

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All knowledge starts with God. He is omniscient! **GOD KNOWS!** Before He created us He knew the plans He had for us! He wants us to know those plans - or at least to trust Him in doing and allowing what is best for us. God has plans for our welfare or well

being which give us a **future and hope!** God the Holy Spirit makes known to us spiritual information in the Bible so that we can learn what God's will is for us. Everything starts with knowing something! God wants us to know His will!



*Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans that I have for you', declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*

*Jeremiah 29:12-13 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.'*

God wants us to have a very personal relationship with Him; He wants us to **know** that we can always come to Him with anything we want to discuss. Obviously, He already **knows** what we are going through, but He likes being our Friend and having us share our thoughts - no matter what they are! He wants us to share our joys **and** disappointments. He wants us to ask Him for His help; He wants us to pray! He will always listen! And, we will get answers! When we really want to **know** God, He will make sure that we do!



Know that you are  
never *Alone*  
GOD is with you ,  
holding you , comforting you  
and most of all  
*Loving*  
you no matter what .



God wants us to **know** with certainty that the trials which are testing our faith will produce endurance! Endurance is the ability to remain under pressure, to hold our ground. God the Holy Spirit produces endurance in us; He gives us the strength to continue on in our trials. What is joyful is God taking us and growing us through the trials. **James 1:2** *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,*



We **know** that the testing of our faith produces endurance because God tells us so! **James 1:3** *knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*



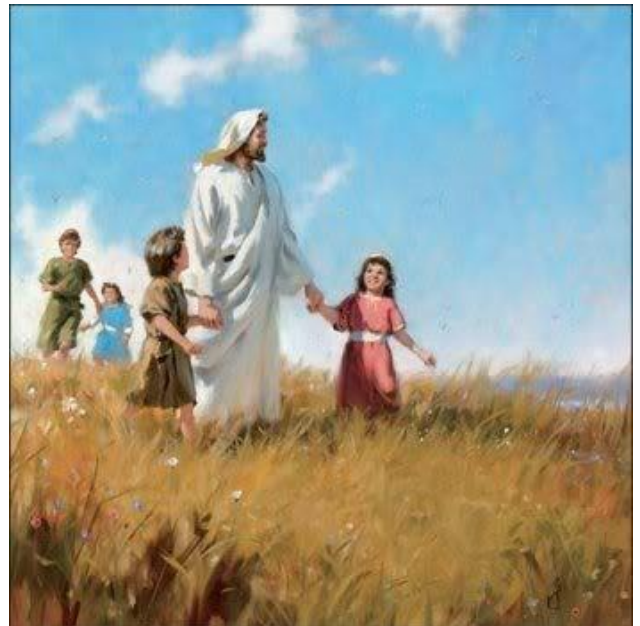
*James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,*

To “**consider**” means to decide that something is so, to count it as such. When we are going through trials, they don't look like joy but with the eyes of faith we believe it so anyway; we **consider** it joy. The joy is the certainty of a better you and me after we have gone through the trials! We are to **let** God take us through our difficulties. We are to **let** it happen!



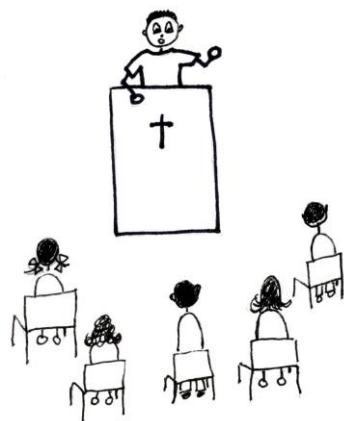
*James 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking in nothing.*

God can make us strong like a mighty oak tree.



*James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

**Wisdom** is **seeing** things God's way and **living** that way. It's what we need in our **daily** life! If you can't see God's way clearly, **ASK GOD** for **wisdom** and have faith that He will give it to you! Wisdom begins with instruction. It resides or has a permanent home in understanding. It leads to wise behavior. **Wisdom** is a life-long commitment to learning God's word, understanding it, and using it in wise behavior. We are to let God's word change us. This is all done through the power of God the Holy Spirit! He will point us in the right direction! (Read the book of Proverbs.)



Instruction



Understanding



Wise Behavior

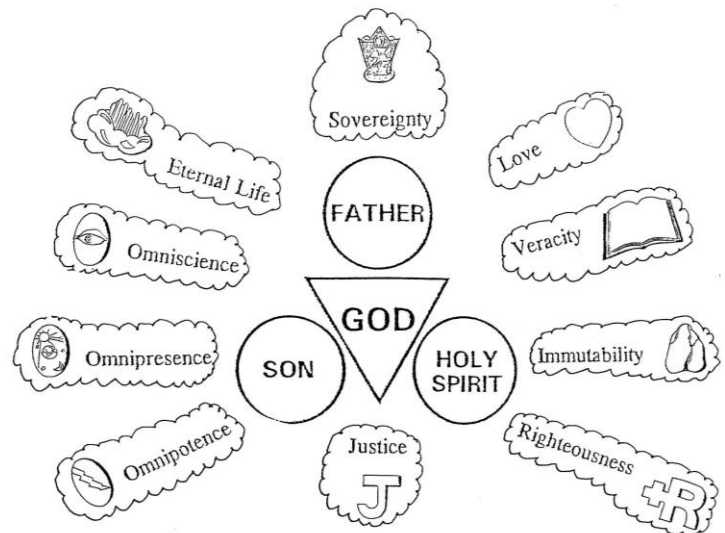
*Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

The beginning of wisdom, the root of wisdom, is fear of or reverence for the Lord. We can look at the perfect essence of God: sovereignty, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, justice, righteousness, immutability, eternal life and love. Now I mean really LOOK at them and THINK about them. Let's take just one - immutability. God NEVER changes! He will never change His mind about all of His promises to us! Just this fact is very calming to the mind. This is one reason for us to have great respect and awe for God! Now **consider** His other attributes and you'll be blown away!

*Psalm 33:11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.*

*Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

### God's Divine Nature



Our God is an awesome God!

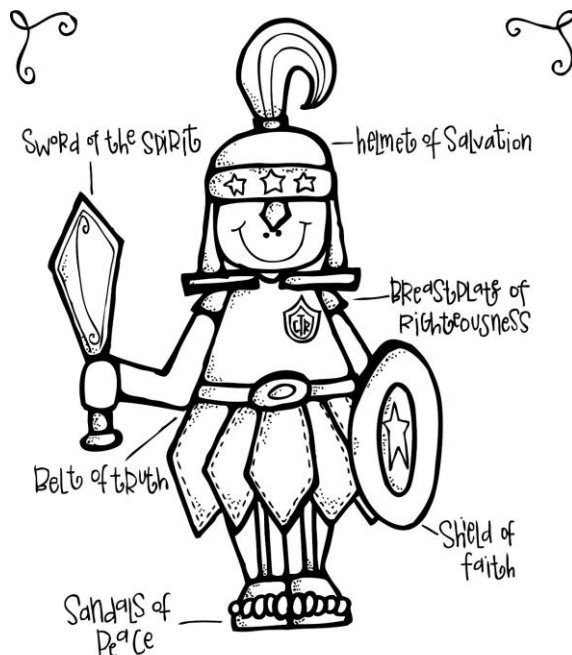


The opposite of wisdom is foolishness or folly. The opposite of the wise man is the fool. The fool lives according to his own selfish desires and the garbage the world tells him or the "wisdom" of the world. There is the wisdom of God, but there is also the wisdom of the world. Which would you rather have?



The Fool

Let's allow the Lord to change our hearts with the treasure of His wisdom! Put on the armor of God! **Let's make the right choices and take the right actions in our daily lives. Know God's word, consider it as truth, and let Him lead the way!**



**Put on the whole armor of God**



*James 1:2-6 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But you must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.*



*James 3:18-18 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

