

# Wisdom Applied

Complete the following sentences:

“The smartest thing I’ve ever done is...



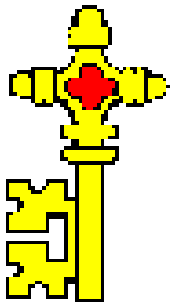
“The dumbest thing I’ve ever done is...



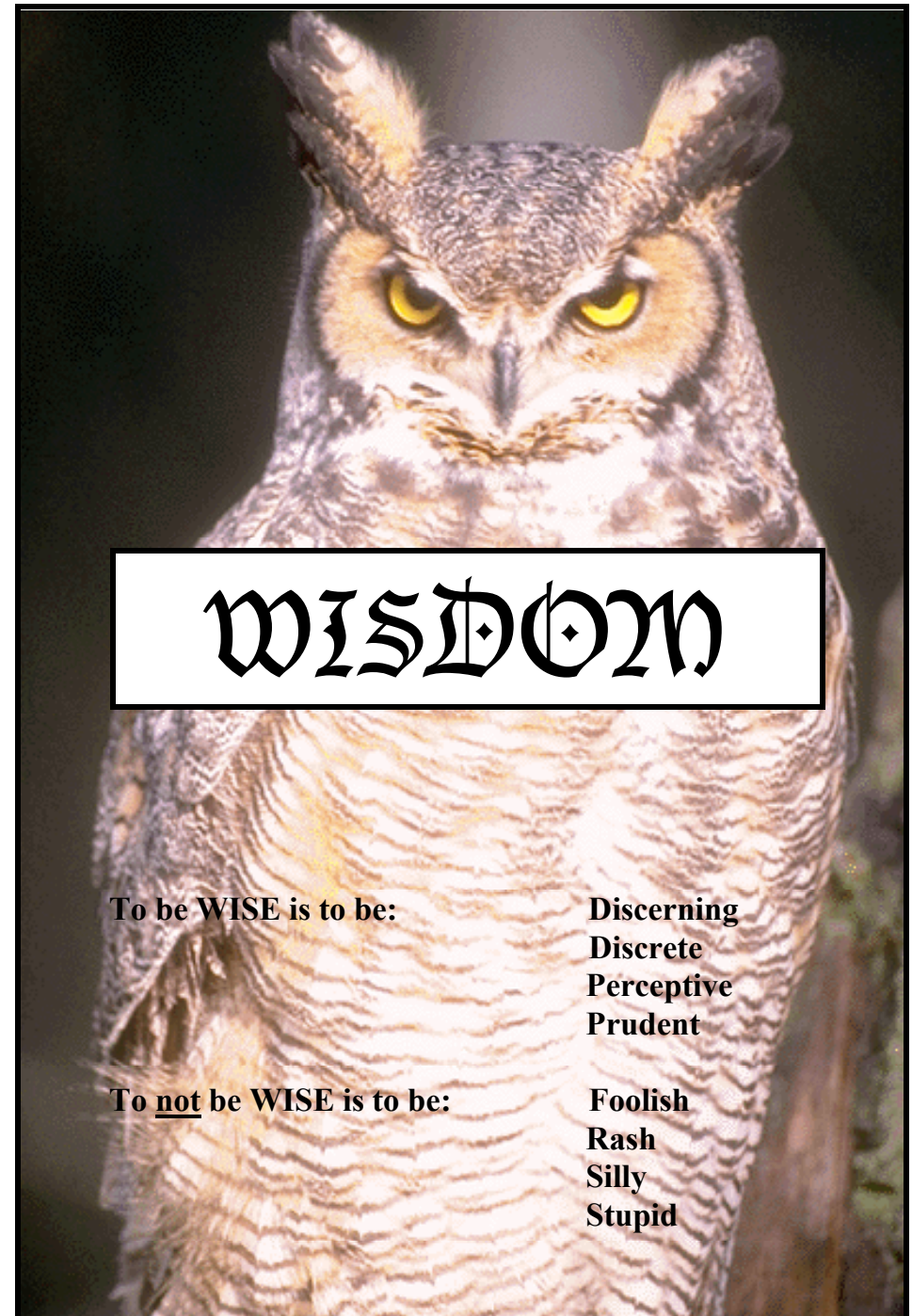
“The area in my life where I most need God’s wisdom now is...



My KEY “Key Thought” and how I will apply it:



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To be WISE is to be:

**Discerning  
Discrete  
Perceptive  
Prudent**

To not be WISE is to be:

**Foolish  
Rash  
Silly  
Stupid**

## Get Smart!

Read through each of the following statements. Decide which are smart (the ones you agree with) and which are not so smart.



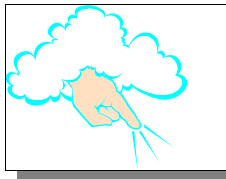
**Wisdom comes with age**



**Wisdom can only be truly learnt by trial and error**



**Wisdom is the most important of all character qualities;  
all others follow on from it**



**Wisdom comes from God alone**

## Wisdom Explained

### Understanding God's Word

In your own words, contrast human wisdom with spiritual wisdom:

*Human Wisdom:*

*Spiritual Wisdom:*

### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:13-16

*So then, we do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit. Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit. Such a person does not understand them; they are nonsense to him, because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis. Whoever has the Spirit, however, is able to judge the value of everything, but no one is able to judge Him. As the Scripture says,*

*"Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give Him advice?" We, however, have the mind of Christ."*

### Interpreting God's Word

Why do you think God has made sure that spiritual wisdom and not human wisdom is the pathway to knowing Him?

### 1 CORINTHIANS 3:18-21

*No one should fool himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise by the world's standards, he should become a fool, in order to be really wise. For what this world considers to be wisdom is nonsense in God's sight. As the scripture says, "God traps the wise in their cleverness"; and another scripture says, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are worthless." No one, then, should boast about what men can do."*

My Key Thought:

## Wisdom Illustrated

### Understanding God's Word

Describe what Solomon believed about God even before he asked for wisdom:

Why did Solomon ask for wisdom ahead of other things?

### Interpreting God's Word

What does this passage teach us about God?

Using this passage as a guide, describe the steps to discovering right from wrong

### 1 KINGS 3:5-14

*One night while Solomon was in Gibeon, the Lord God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you."*

*Solomon answered: My father David, your servant, was honest and did what you commanded. You were always loyal to him, and you gave him a son who is now king. Lord God, I'm Your servant, and You've made me king in my father's place. But I'm very young and know so little about being a leader. And now I must rule your chosen people, even though there are too many of them to count. Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule Your people. If You don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of Yours.*

*God said: Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom to make right decisions. So I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live. I'll also give you what you didn't ask for. You'll be rich and respected as long as you live, and you'll be greater than any other king. If you obey me and follow my commands, as your father David did, I'll let you live a long time.*

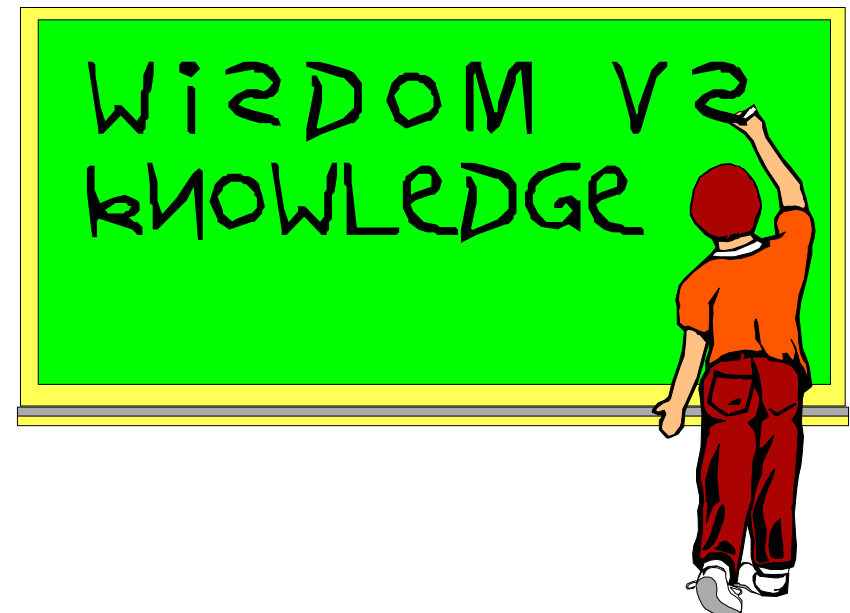
My Key Thought:

## Wisdom vs Knowledge

Which is more valuable: WISDOM or KNOWLEDGE? Give reasons

Debate the following:

**“Schools should concentrate more on imparting wisdom and less on teaching knowledge”**



## Wisdom and God

### Understanding God's Word

Underline those things which wisdom is said to be more valuable than. How would you convince someone that this is true?

Where is the source of wisdom to be found?

How do we receive wisdom?

### Interpreting God's Word

Why do you think God didn't automatically equip everyone born with the wisdom they need?

### JOB 28:12-28

*But where is wisdom found?  
No human knows the way.  
Nor can it be discovered  
in the deepest sea.  
It is worth much more  
than silver or pure gold  
or precious stones.  
Nothing is its equal  
not gold or costly glass.  
Wisdom is worth much more than coral,  
jasper or rubies.  
All the topaz of Ethiopia  
and the finest gold  
cannot compare with it.  
Where then is wisdom?  
It is hidden from human eyes  
and even from birds.  
Death and destruction  
have merely heard rumors  
about where it is found.  
God is the only one  
who knows the way to wisdom,  
Because He sees everything  
beneath the heavens.  
When God divided out  
the wind and the water,  
and when he decided the path  
for rain and lightning,  
He also determined the truth  
and defined wisdom.  
God told us, "Wisdom means that you  
respect me, the Lord, and turn from sin."*

My Key Thought:

## Wisdom and Jesus

### Understanding God's Word

The Jewish people were angry that they were forced to pay taxes to the Romans. What would have been the consequence of Jesus answering "Yes" to His enemies question?

What would have been the consequence of Jesus answering "No" ?

In what way did Jesus' answer demonstrate wisdom?

### Interpreting God's Word

How do you think Jesus was able to demonstrate such wisdom?

### LUKE 20:19-26

*Jesus' enemies kept watching Him closely, because they wanted to hand Him over to the Roman governor. So they sent some men who pretended to be good. But they were really spies trying to catch Jesus saying something wrong. The spies said to Him,*

*"Teacher, we know that you teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are.*

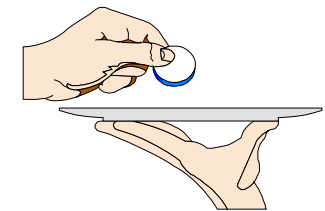
*Tell us, should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"*

*Jesus knew that they were trying to trick him. So He told them, "Show me a coin." Then He asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?"*

*"The Emperor's," they answered.*

*Then he told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."*

*Jesus' enemies could not catch him saying anything wrong there in front of the people. They were amazed at His answer and kept quiet.*



My Key Thought: