

Who Is Wise?

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Good and lasting fruit is the best way to check the efficacy of the Immanuel Approach. I am changed by encountering Immanuel. My ability to stay relational and to be strong in the Lord has increased measurably. I am able to work through difficult situations with wisdom because He has removed the blockages between Him and my heart. Now I can hear appreciably better and even obey with joy.

Studies included in this article are: Who Is Wise?; The Wise; Wise Men; Examples of Wise Rulers: Joshua, Joseph, Daniel, Ezra, Moses; Solomon; Solomon's Search For Wisdom; Solomon's Conclusion

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The Wise

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of [the wise](#) and twists the words of the righteous.

Job 5:13 He catches [the wise](#) in their own craftiness, And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.

Proverbs 1:6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of [the wise](#) and their riddles.

Proverbs 3:35 [The wise](#) shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

Proverbs 10:8 [The wise](#) in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

Proverbs 11:29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool *will be* servant to [the wise](#) of heart.

Proverbs 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of [the wise](#) *promotes* health.

Proverbs 13:14 The law of [the wise](#) *is* a fountain of life, To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride, But the lips of [the wise](#) will preserve them.

Proverbs 14:24 The crown of [the wise](#) is their riches, *But* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of [the wise](#) uses knowledge rightly, *But* the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of [the wise](#) disperse knowledge, *But* the heart of the fool *does not do* so.

Proverbs 15:12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, *Nor* will he go to [the wise](#).

Proverbs 15:24 The way of life *minds* upward for [the wise](#), That he may turn away from hell below.

Proverbs 15:31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among [the wise](#).

Proverbs 16:21 [The wise](#) in heart will be called prudent, *And* sweetness of the lips increases learning.

Proverbs 16:23 The heart of [the wise](#) teaches his mouth, *And* adds learning to his lips.

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, *And* the ear of [the wise](#) seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; *But* when [the wise](#) is instructed, he receives knowledge.

Proverbs 21:20 *There is* desirable treasure, *And* oil in the dwelling of [the wise](#), *But* a foolish man squanders it.

Proverbs 22:17 Incline your ear and hear the words of [the wise](#), *And* apply your heart to my knowledge.

Proverbs 24:23 These *things* also *belong* to [the wise](#): *It is* not good to show partiality in judgment.

Ecclesiastes 2:16 For *there is* no more remembrance of [the wise](#) than of the fool forever, *Since* all that now *is* will be forgotten in the days to come. *And* how does a wise *man* die? *As* the fool!

Ecclesiastes 7:4 The heart of [the wise](#) *is* in the house of mourning, *But* the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

Ecclesiastes 7:5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of [the wise](#) *Than* for a man to hear the song of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:19 Wisdom strengthens [the wise](#) *More* than ten rulers of the city.

Ecclesiastes 9:1 For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and [the wise](#) and their works *are* in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred *by* anything *they see* before them.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 I returned and saw under the sun that—The race *is* not to the swift, *Nor* the battle to the strong, *Nor* bread to [the wise](#), *Nor* riches to men of understanding, *Nor* favor to men of skill; *But* time and chance happen to them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:17 Words of [the wise](#), *spoken* quietly, *should be* heard *Rather* than the shout of a ruler of fools.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 The words of [the wise](#) are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

Isaiah 19:11 Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools; Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I *am* the son of [the wise](#), The son of ancient kings?"

Jeremiah 9:23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not [the wise man](#) glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches."

Jeremiah 18:18 Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from [the wise](#), nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words."

Daniel 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to [the wise](#) And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 12:10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but [the wise](#) shall understand.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from [the wise](#) and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

Matthew 25:4 But [the wise](#) took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said to [the wise](#), 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

Matthew 25:9 But [the wise](#) answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from [the wise](#) and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of [the wise](#), And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

1 Corinthians 1:20 Where *is* [the wise](#)? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame [the wise](#), and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches [the wise](#) in their *own* craftiness."

1 Corinthians 3:20 And again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of [the wise](#), that they are futile."

Wise Men

Genesis 41:8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was* no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

Exodus 7:11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

Esther 1:13 Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times (for this *was* the king's manner toward all who knew law and justice.

Esther 6:13 When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."

Job 15:18 What wise men have told, Not hiding *anything received* from their fathers.

Job 34:2 "Hear my words, you wise men; Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.

Job 34:34 "Men of understanding say to me, Wise men who listen to me.

Psalms 49:10 For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Proverbs 29:8 Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath.

Isaiah 19:12 Where *are* they? Where are your wise men? Let them tell you now, And let them know what the LORD of hosts has purposed against Egypt.

Isaiah 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden.

Isaiah 44:25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness.

Jeremiah 8:9 The wise men are ashamed, They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?

Jeremiah 10:7 Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, And in all their kingdoms, *There is* none like You.

Jeremiah 50:35 "A sword *is* against the Chaldeans," says the LORD, "Against the inhabitants of Babylon, And against her princes and her wise men."

Jeremiah 51:57 "And I will make drunk Her princes and wise men, Her governors, her deputies, and her mighty men. And they shall sleep a perpetual sleep And not awake," says the King, Whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

Ezekiel 27:8 Inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen; Your wise men, O Tyre, were in you; They became your pilots.

Ezekiel 27:9 Elders of Gebal and its wise men Were in you to caulk your seams; All the ships of the sea And their oarsmen were in you To market your merchandise.

Daniel 2:12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave a command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them*.

Daniel 2:14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

Daniel 2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

Daniel 2:48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 4:6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

Daniel 4:18 This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, for the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you.

Daniel 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

Daniel 5:8 Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.

Daniel 5:15 Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.

Obadiah 1:8 "Will I not in that day," says the LORD, "Even destroy the wise men from Edom, And understanding from the mountains of Esau?"

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

Matthew 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the [wise men](#), was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the [wise men](#).

Matthew 23:34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, [wise men](#), and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city.

1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to [wise men](#); judge for yourselves what I say.

Examples of Wise Rulers

Joshua:

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of [wisdom](#), for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Joseph:

Acts 7:10 And delivered him [Joseph] out of all his troubles, and [gave](#) him favor and [wisdom](#) in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Daniel:

Daniel 1:4 Young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all [wisdom](#), possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 1:17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and [wisdom](#); and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:20 And in all matters of [wisdom](#) and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who *were* in all his realm.

Daniel 2:14 Then with counsel and [wisdom](#) Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon.

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For [wisdom](#) and might are His."

Daniel 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives [wisdom](#) to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 2:23 I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me [wisdom](#) and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand.

Daniel 2:30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more [wisdom](#) than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

Daniel 5:11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and [wisdom](#), like the [wisdom](#) of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers.

Daniel 5:14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God *is* in you, and *that* light and understanding and excellent [wisdom](#) are found in you.

Ezra:

Ezra 7:25 And you, [Ezra](#), according to your God-given [wisdom](#), set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who *are in the region* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know *them*.

Moses:

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of [wisdom](#), for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Acts 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the [wisdom](#) of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

Solomon:

1 Kings 4:29 And God gave [Solomon wisdom](#) and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

1 Kings 4:30 Thus [Solomon's wisdom](#) excelled the [wisdom](#) of all the men of the East and all the [wisdom](#) of Egypt.

1 Kings 4:34 And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his [wisdom](#), came to hear the [wisdom](#) of [Solomon](#).

1 Kings 5:12 So the LORD gave [Solomon wisdom](#), as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and [Solomon](#), and the two of them made a treaty together.

1 Kings 7:14 He *was* the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with [wisdom](#) and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King [Solomon](#) and did all his work.

1 Kings 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the [wisdom](#) of [Solomon](#), the house that he had built.

1 Kings 10:6 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your [wisdom](#).

1 Kings 10:7 "However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your [wisdom](#) and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.

1 Kings 10:8 "Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your [wisdom](#)!

1 Kings 10:23 So King [Solomon](#) surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and [wisdom](#).

1 Kings 10:24 Now all the earth sought the presence of [Solomon](#) to hear his [wisdom](#), which God had put in his heart.

1 Kings 11:41 Now the rest of the acts of [Solomon](#), all that he did, and his [wisdom](#), *are* they not written in the book of the acts of [Solomon](#)?

1 Chronicles 22:12 "Only may the LORD give you [wisdom](#) and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

2 Chronicles 1:10 Now give me [wisdom](#) and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?

2 Chronicles 1:11 And God said to [Solomon](#): "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked [wisdom](#) and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—

2 Chronicles 1:12 [Wisdom](#) and knowledge *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like.

2 Chronicles 9:3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the [wisdom](#) of [Solomon](#), the house that he had built.

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Matthew 12:42 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the [wisdom](#) of [Solomon](#); and indeed a greater than [Solomon](#) *is* here.

Luke 11:31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the [wisdom](#) of [Solomon](#); and indeed a greater than [Solomon](#) *is* here.

Solomon's Search For Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 1:13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.

Ecclesiastes 1:16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge."

Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind. For in much wisdom *is* much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes 2:3 I searched in my heart *how* to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:9 So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

Ecclesiastes 2:12 Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what *can* the man *do* who succeeds the king? —*Only* what he has already done.

Ecclesiastes 2:13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness.

Ecclesiastes 2:21 For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Ecclesiastes 7:11 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun.

Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom *is* a defense *as* money *is* a defense, But the excellence of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to those who have it.

Ecclesiastes 7:19 Wisdom strengthens the wise More than ten rulers of the city.

Ecclesiastes 7:23 All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise"; But it *was* far from me.

Ecclesiastes 7:25 I applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the reason *of things*, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness *and* madness.

Ecclesiastes 8:1 Who *is* like a wise *man*? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, And the sternness of his face is changed.

Ecclesiastes 8:16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there is* no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Ecclesiastes 9:13 This wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and it *seemed* great to me:

Ecclesiastes 9:15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

Ecclesiastes 9:16 Then I said: "Wisdom *is* better than strength. Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, And his words are not heard.

Ecclesiastes 9:18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war; But one sinner destroys much good."

Ecclesiastes 10:1 Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; *So does* a little folly to one respected for wisdom *and* honor.

Ecclesiastes 10:3 Even when a fool walks along the way, He lacks wisdom, And he shows everyone *that* he *is* a fool.

Ecclesiastes 10:10 If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.

Solomon's Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

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