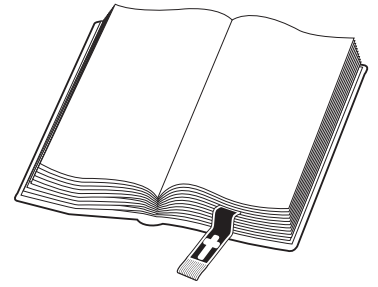


# True Wisdom Comes from the Bible



*"I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts."*

Psalm 119:100

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Before I surrendered my life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, I looked to the world for the answers to all of my problems. Did you notice the beginning of the previous sentence? I *surrendered* my life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in March 1976. I did not just pray a prayer asking Jesus to be my Savior; *it was not just words! I surrendered* my life to Jesus Christ. *I gave up* all rights to run my own life and my family. *I gave up* all rights to make my own plans and decisions. Christ had died to pay for my sins. He rose again to give me a hope and a future—to give me new life in Him. He had every right to be the Lord of my life.

As a child of God, I stopped going to the world for help and for answers to my problems. I went to the one and only source of true wisdom: Jesus Christ and the Bible. Psalm 25:4-5 reads, "*Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.*" This scripture has been the example I have followed since March 1976. The Bible tells us in James 4:6 and in 1 Peter 5:5 that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Beloved, I did not just pray these words to the Lord and then passively wait for Him to wave a magic wand and transform me or give me an instant change of heart and life. I *daily* went to

the Bible for wisdom for *every* situation in my life. I not only read it, *I obeyed it*. Again, I daily went to the Bible for wisdom for every situation in my life, and I not only read it, I chose to obey it. GOD'S AMAZING GRACE and the power of the Holy Spirit enabled me to repent of all of my sins. It also enabled me to forgive everyone who had sinned against me.

Obedience to the wisdom of the Bible cleansed, healed, delivered, and restored my life and my marriage. *No* situation will ever come into your life or mine that is not clearly addressed in the Bible. But it is not enough to read and to pray. We have to obey it. I know I am repeating myself here, but I want to say that again. No situation will ever come into your life or mine that is not clearly addressed in the Bible, but again, beloved, it is not enough to read it. We have to pray, and we have to obey it. We have to surrender our life to Christ in every situation. If we truly want Christ to be the Lord of our lives and our homes, we need to go and study what God's plan is for us.

— *Janice McBride*

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*All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.*

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