The Way of Wisdom – Part 1

By Kevin Cauley

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5-8).

There is an Internet prayer going around about patience: "Lord, please bless me with patience, not opportunities to be patient. I have had plenty of those. Could I just have the actual patience?" The prayer is funny because, for those of us who have experienced "opportunities to be patient," we have all failed at one point or another and would just rather skip that part. The truth is that failing to be patient teaches patience because impatience does not produce the same results. Obtaining wisdom can be like this, but it does not necessarily need to be that way.

The very act of praying for wisdom produces instant wisdom because it is wise to open oneself up to the possibility of receiving wisdom. The act of doubting that God will give wisdom is itself unwise because one closes oneself off to the possibility of receiving wisdom, which, in and of itself, is not wise. It is wise to desire wisdom.

Too, praying for wisdom is wise because it recognizes that one lacks wisdom and needs more. It is wise to acknowledge one's deficiencies. It shows a level of understanding of reality that many do not have. Many assume that all their thoughts are true and wise at the outset; they would not question them. The one who questions himself and prays is a step above those who would not even consider otherwise.

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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

6/15/25

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** John Chisley
Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Rick Cook
Communion- John Chisley **Closing Prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Visiting Missionary Speaker:** Rui Diogo, a visiting missionary from Brazil, will speak Sunday June 29th at our AM services.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Art Camp:** Sterlington Community Art camp will be held here at the building June 16-19th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for all the details.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

Scan the QR code to visit our website.

Please Pray For:

Lynn Urban, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Martha Maxwell, Cheryl Trejo, Linda Herlong, Linda Lester, David Reppond, Billy Branch, Vee Boren, Debbie Lewis, Glenda Wells, Dave Garris, Larry Randolph, Jeanette Henderson, Kaylen Hill.

Bereaved: Family of Kathryn Herbert, Carol Granger.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

June Birthdays

10 - Sharon Harris
12 - Rachel Rogers
15 - Jesse Sewell
16 - Victor Binford
16 - Janice Hayes
20 - Debbie Grice
21 - Ashton Richardson
22 - Kara Freeman
22 - Damien Miller
25 - Don Delukie

June Anniversaries

17 - Brandon & Sydney Rogers
28 - Arthur & Cybil Binford