

Seven Spirits Of Revelation Week Two -Outline

- The challenge of making difficult decisions
 - Seeking God's guidance in uncertain times
- Biblical references to the Spirit of Wisdom
 - Revelation 1:4-5 and 3:1
 - Isaiah 11:1-2
 - Ephesians 1:17-19
- Understanding the Spirit of Wisdom
 - Not an abstract force, but an attribute of the Holy Spirit
 - Provides discernment and wisdom rooted in God's character
- Historical context of the seven churches in Revelation
 - Struggling under oppressive rule
 - Persecution for defying emperor worship
- The church at Sardis
 - Reputation for vitality but inwardly dormant
 - Living on past glories and losing cultural impact
- Paul's prayer for the Ephesians
 - Written during Roman imprisonment
 - Praying for spiritual wisdom in a challenging environment
- Linguistic analysis of "wisdom" in Scripture

- Sophia (σοφία) in Greek
 - Chokmah (חָכְמָה) in Hebrew
 - Ruach (רוּחַ) for "Spirit" in Hebrew
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- The Spirit of Wisdom defined
 - Ability to ethically and morally discern God's will and purposes
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- Zechariah and the struggles of God's people
 - Rebuilding the Temple after exile
 - Parallels with modern Christian complacency
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- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit"
 - Countering human tendency to strive
 - Reliance on the Holy Spirit for wisdom
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- The Spirit of Wisdom's role in enlightenment
 - Illuminating the "eyes of your hearts"
 - Providing knowledge of hope, inheritance, and power
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- John Piper's perspective on the Spirit of Wisdom
 - Revelatory nature
 - Transformative joy through understanding God's glory in Christ
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- Practical manifestations of the Spirit of Wisdom
 - Church leadership decisions
 - Personal life choices (education, vocation, family, finances)

- God's eternal plan and our place in it
 - Confidence in decision-making through the Spirit's guidance
 - Living a yielded and directed life
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- Life change challenge
 - Praying Ephesians 1:17 before major decisions
 - Journaling discernment and outcomes
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- Closing prayer