



## **Beyond the Sermon**

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Wisdom from God (Reversing the Devil's Decisions pt 5)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### **Message Theme**

Divine Wisdom Changes Everything

### **Prayer Focus**

*Father, thank You for allowing me to live in Your truth. I know You're good and prepared wonderful things for those who love You. Help me to love You more deeply and experience Your love for me today. In Jesus' name, amen.*

### **Key Truths**

No matter who we are, where we've been, or what we've done, God is love, and He loves us. Our existence is a testament to His creation, purpose, and plans. These divine purposes are more foundational to our identity than our bad actions and decisions. However, just as God loves us and wants us to fulfill our intended purpose, we have an adversary seeking to keep us blinded, astray, and suffering.

1 Peter 5:8-9 urges us to be of clear mind and awake because the Devil is looking for an opportunity to consume us. We are to resist him by standing firm in our faith, knowing who God is and who He has made us to be. It encourages us to be unchanged by Satan's lies because they're hollow. In God's truth--in His reality--we are everything He says we are. External circumstances cannot affect us because they do not define what happens inside us, but we need to be careful about what thoughts we entertain. These thoughts shape our actions and habits, which can determine our path. God wants us to align our thoughts with His to remain steadfast in the truth.

By embracing the truth of our God-given identity, we bring the Kingdom of God wherever we go because it resides within us. To reverse the Devil's influence in the world, we must start with ourselves. Allowing the finished work of Christ to make us whole and reconnect us to the Father will expand His Kingdom within us, then to those around us, and eventually to the entire world.

Many of us have an improper view of heaven. We live in fear and lack, holding out against the Devil's attacks, hoping for Jesus' return to make everything right and whisk us all away to an everlasting church service in the sky. The reality is that His Kingdom and fullness are already manifesting in us, signaling His imminent return to rule and reign on a fully restored Earth forever. We need His wisdom to see His truth come alive in our lives.

When we walk in that wisdom, His Kingdom becomes our reality, far surpassing any lie the enemy can throw at us.

## **Practical Application**

Which reality do we want to live in? We can choose the Devil's empty and false reality, filled with fear and lack, or Christ's abundant reality, filled with everything pertaining to life and godliness. Christ's way leads us to experience His Kingdom and glory on Earth.

Take a moment to reflect on your life. Which reality have you been living in? If you recognize areas influenced by the Devil's lies, know that it's okay. Christ came to give sight to the blind and freedom to the imprisoned. His purpose is not to condemn but to help us live fully in His provision. Are you living in all that He has for you? Do you understand what He has promised in Scripture? Make it a daily prayer to ask for eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to receive His truth. He is good and will not let you down.

## **Reference Verses**

- Jeremiah 29:11
- John 10:10
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 1 Timothy 6:12-14
- Revelation 21:1-4
- Psalm 78:23-25, 119:28
- Philippians 1:23
- 1 John 5:19
- Luke 17:21
- James 4:7-8
- Matthew 5, 6, 7:25-28, 11:12
- 2 Chronicles 1:10
- Proverbs 4:7-9, 10:21, 14:12, 23:7, 24:3-4
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Romans 10:9-13, 12:2
- 2 Timothy 3:14
- 2 Kings 5:8-14
- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

## **Declarations**

When our words align with God's, we experience their reality. Intentionally speaking life and Biblical truth is powerful. Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Take time this week to declare these words and look for God's truth to manifest in your life:

- I choose Christ's finished work on the cross as my reality.
- He has brought me out of the kingdom of darkness and into His Kingdom of light. That Kingdom lives within me. I carry it wherever I go and live according to it.

- The Devil is a liar and a cheat, and his works are empty.
- My Father gave me everything pertaining to life and godliness, and I live by His wisdom to see Christ alive in me.

## What's Next?

In this week's message, Pastor Duane emphasizes the vital role of wisdom in our lives, showing how it equips us to resist the enemy, make godly decisions, and live a life of fulfillment. This guide is crafted to help you apply these principles in your daily life. By cultivating God's wisdom and aligning your thoughts with His, you can navigate life's challenges and remain on the path He has set for you.

- **Cultivate a Teachable Spirit:** Stay open to learning and growing in your faith. Seek wisdom not only from Scripture but also from trusted mentors, sermons, and spiritual resources. Approach every situation with a heart eager to learn and grow. A teachable spirit will continually help you gain wisdom and apply it effectively in your life.
- **Stay Grounded in the Bigger Picture:** Regularly remind yourself of the eternal perspective. This life is temporary, but the choices you make now have eternal consequences. By keeping an eternal perspective, you can prioritize what truly matters and stay focused on God's ultimate purpose for your life.
- **Embrace Wisdom in Everyday Decisions:** Allow the wisdom you gain from Scripture to guide your daily choices, whether in your relationships, work, or personal life. Make it a habit to pray for wisdom regularly and seek godly counsel when making decisions. Before making any significant choice, pause and ask, "What does God's Word say about this?" Consistently relying on biblical wisdom will lead to a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Remember, the journey of wisdom is ongoing, and as you continue to seek God's guidance, you will increasingly reflect His light in the world. Stand firm in your faith, knowing that with God's wisdom, you are equipped to face whatever challenges come your way, and live a life that honors Him.

**If you're in need of prayer** we have a team ready to pray with you. Click the prayer link below to connect with us.

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## Scripture References

### Wisdom From God

**Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**John 10:10 NKJV** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

**1 Peter 5:8 NKJV** Be sober, be vigilant...

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**1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him...

**1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV** Fight the good fight of faith...

**2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**Revelation 21:1-4 NKJV** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

**Philippians 1:23 NKJV** ...having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

**1 John 5:19 AMPC** We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

**Matthew 11:12 NIRV** Since the days of John the Baptist, the kingdom of heaven has been under attack. And violent people are taking hold of it.

**2 Chronicles 1:10 NKJV** 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?"

**Proverbs 4:7 NKJV** Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.

**Proverbs 24:3 NKJV** Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established...

**Deuteronomy 30:19 NKJV** I call heaven and earth as witnesses to day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...

**Romans 12:2 NLT** ...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

**Proverbs 23:7 NKJV** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

**Proverbs 14:12 NKJV** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

**Proverbs 10:21 NKJV** The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

**Matthew 7:24-28 NKJV REF** “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching...

**Romans 12:2 NLT** ...but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 MSG** Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way.

**2 Kings 5:8-11 NKJV** So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’

**2 Kings 5:12-14 NKJV** Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

**Psalms 119:128 NKJV** Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.