

I have asked this question before and have no answer. I am a new Christian and trying to understand the bible in relating to the scriptures and to no avail. I have not been able to understand the scriptures. As long as I read I understand but the instant I place the word down I can't retain what I have read. I have prayed for understand before I read but I am still lost, How do I transform my reading and understanding of the scriptures.

The bible says:

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. An indecisive man is unstable in all his ways. Jas 1:5–8

One should maintain faith and humility to know God and his wisdom.

In Proverbs it is written:

He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;
He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice,
Equity and every good path. Pr 2:7–9

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom (1 Co 1:25a). Many a man has sought to know God and his wisdom but were unable.

Speaking to his disciples Jesus said: "For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see the things you see yet didn't see them; to hear the things you hear yet didn't hear them." Lk 10:24.

Solomon asked God for wisdom and God was pleased with the desire of his heart at that time.

Solomon asked:

"Now grant me wisdom and knowledge so that I may lead these people, for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

God said to Solomon, "Since this was in your heart, and you have not requested riches, wealth, or glory, or for the life of those who hate you, and you have not even requested long life, but you have requested for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king, wisdom and knowledge are given to you. I will also give you riches, wealth, and glory, unlike what was given to the kings who were before you, or will be given to those after you." 2 Ch 1:9–12.

God is generous toward his children. Jesus reminded men to: keep asking, keep searching and keep knocking.

He said:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Mt 7:7–11

The Lord meets people where they are in their spiritual walk. The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost¹ and he may be received today to guide the believer (Jn 14:16, 26). He illuminates the mind (1 Cor. 2:12, 13; Eph. 1:16, 17), reveals the things of God (Is. 40:13, 14; 1 Cor. 2:10, 13) and helps believers through their weakness (Rom. 8:26).

Jesus said of him: The Counselor, the Holy Spirit —the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you (Jn 14:26).

That is his ministry. New believers guided by the Holy Spirit can have more wisdom than any worldly so-called intellectual.

The apostle Paul wrote:

Brothers, consider your calling: Not many are wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world —what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, so that no one can boast in His presence (1 Co 1:26–29).

Christians should: remain humble and sincere before God (Matt. 18:1–6; Acts 1:6), stay in his word (Ps. 119:104, 130) and pray (Ps. 119:34–125). God said: Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know (Je 33:2–3).

Believers should be plugged into a small group with other like-minded Christians, as well. One man pursue a thousand or two put ten thousand to flight (Dt 32:30). Believers need one another: In the multitude of counsellors they are established (Pr 15:22b).

¹ The birthday of the church.