

COULD YOU USE A DOSE OF GOD-GIVEN WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING?

Have you ever been a situation where you could use some extra wisdom and understanding to accomplish something? If you're like me, you've said, "YES!" There have been several instances over the past couple of months where I got stumped trying to solve a work problem that I really need divine intervention, because I had expended all my finite brain cells to figure out the answer. During this time, I recall on more than one occasion, prayerfully (and sometimes audibly) telling the Lord, "I need help. I can't figure this out on my own, and I know of no one else to turn to for help." I've gotten back into some software development, writing new code, and on more than one occasion I was "way down in the weeds" of trying to get the functionality to work, but would hit another roadblock on something and would be trying to resolve the issue. Our God is not always timely, in my perspective, but He comes through ... and He did, dropping the nugget of information I needed at the right time to get me over the hurdle. Praise the Lord! What does the Word say about knowledge, wisdom and understanding?

"Cry out for insight and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom. From His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Prov. 2:3-6, NLT).

God wants us to come to a clear understanding of His truth so that He can use it to transform our hearts and lives.

- God honors our prayers for understanding (1 Kings 3:9-12).
- Understanding will produce fruit in us (Matt. 13:18-23).
- Understanding the Good News changes lives (Col. 1:6).
- God will help you understand His Work (Heb. 8:10).
- God Himself opens our minds to understanding (1 John. 3:19).

God's interaction with me during this just shows me again just how much He loves me (and how much He loves you), and cares about the intricate details of our lives. He really wants to be a part of our everyday activities, if we allow Him in.

Forgive me Lord, for so many times I tried to manage things under my own power and strength, only to find out late or learn the hard way that all I had to do was ask for Your help to begin with.

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