

# Wisdom

## The practical, skillful application of God's truth to everyday life



Matthew 7:24 tells us that *the wise man builds his house on the Rock*. It is the theme verse for our ministry; a fortified marriage, a strong marriage, fruitful and a testimony of God's love for humanity *requires* wisdom. The wisdom required for building that house, that marriage that will withstand the storms, the problems of this world, begins with the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7). The people of God are called, even commanded to practice wise living; *practically and skillfully applying God's truth to everyday life*. It's not just knowing the Word of God, but being able to apply the truths of God's Word to our lives - it is something that should be seen in our marriages.

Yet, so often, we do not see wisdom in Christian marriages - the Word of God is not lived out in marriages and it is a travesty. I think of James 2:18 stating that people say they have faith in Christ, but it not demonstrated in their lives. James said that he would show people his faith by his deeds. We also should demonstrate our love for Jesus Christ by how we treat people, especially our spouse! We apply God's truth to everyday life when we live as Christ lived; according to Philippians 2; 'Doing nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but rather, in humility valuing others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.'

Proverbs 4:7 tells us; "Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." James 1:5 also says that "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." We are to ask the Lord for wisdom; to do whatever it takes to understand God's truths and live them out in our lives and marriages. Don't be like the Pharisees who knew the Word of God, but missed the whole point of the Word; that we are to love as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Apply God's truth to your daily life - love your spouse, give of yourself!

**Helpful Resources:** *Fortified Marriages Resource page: [www.fortifiedmarriages.com](http://www.fortifiedmarriages.com)*

The *Fortified Marriages Manual and Workbook* is a great tool to help couples understand and apply God's truths in their life and marriage.

**Article to check out:**

*Wisdom That Strengthens Your Marriage* by Aaron & Jennifer Smith - [marriageaftergod.com](http://marriageaftergod.com)