> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
> — *1 Corinthians 2:2*

Book: New Testament / 1 Corinthians
Topics: mind, Crucifixion, Evangelism, Jesus

Interpretation:
This is a very important passage in the Bible that calls us to focus our lives on Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the Corinthian Christians to emphasize the importance of putting Christ first in everything we do.

To better understand this verse, it helps to understand the context in which it was written. The Corinthians were a diverse and conflicted Christian community that was struggling with problems such as immorality, division, and selfishness. In his letter, Paul calls the Corinthians to live in unity and submit to the wisdom of God. He reminds them that human wisdom is not enough to understand the ways of God, but they need the power of the Holy Spirit to fully understand them.

When Paul says, *“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified”* , he is referring to the centrality of Christ in the Christian life.

Christ is the symbol of God's love for humanity because through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, God reconciled us to Himself. Therefore, we must focus on Christ's redemptive work on the cross as the center of our faith and as the basis of our hope for eternal life.

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> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
> — *Colossians 3:2*

Book: New Testament / Colossians

Topics: mind, heaven, world

Interpretation:
The book of Colossians was written by the Apostle *Paul* to the church in Colossae, a city in Phrygia in Asia Minor. The Christians in this community were under pressure from legalistic Jews and philosophers who were challenging their faith. Paul wrote to strengthen their faith, their knowledge *of Jesus Christ*, and to encourage them to live practical lives consistent with their faith. In this verse, the Apostle calls them to focus on the eternal rather than the temporal.

Paul's invitation to focus on things above rather than on things on the earth is fundamental to our Christian lives, helping us to walk the path of faith and helping us to avoid falling into everyday temptations. The Apostle reminds us that there are more important and eternal realities that we need to keep at the center of our lives. *"Earth"* refers to all things temporary, material, and ephemeral, including our personal concerns, money, fame, luxury, and superficial relationships. In contrast, *"things above"* refer to the spiritual, eternal, and transcendent truths that give meaning to our existence and are fundamental to our lives.

If we are constantly focused on earthly things, we risk losing sight of what is truly important and finding it difficult to distinguish the essential from the unimportant, leading us to temptation, anger, and bad decisions. But if our minds are focused on heavenly things, we will have a clearer vision of what is important and will be able to make wiser and more joyful decisions.

A. T. Robertson writes, *"The Christian life means that the Christian seeks heavenly things and thinks about heavenly things. His feet tread the earth, but his head is among the stars. He lives on earth as a citizen of heaven"*. (Robertson, Intellectuals, p. 149.)

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> For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.
> — *Ecclesiastes 1:18*

Book: Old Testament / Ecclesiastes
Topics: mind, sadness, wisdom, worrying

Interpretation:

Ecclesiastes 1:18 speaks of the negative consequences that can arise when we acquire too much knowledge. In the context of this book of the Bible, the author (presumably *King Solomon*) reflects on the futility of life and what often wastes our time and energy. Solomon, one of the wisest men of his time, conducted extensive research and acquired a considerable amount of knowledge, but he realized that this did not alleviate his suffering and difficulties.

Why can wisdom cause suffering?

So why can wisdom lead to suffering? One possible explanation is that as a person grows wiser, they may realize how much they don't know. This can lead to a feeling of helplessness or frustration, as the desire to learn more collides with the limitations a person places on their knowledge.

On the other hand, wisdom can also illuminate inconvenient truths or negative aspects of life. Once these truths are realized, a person may experience greater anxiety or sadness as they see previously hidden difficulties in the world.

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> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
> *— Ephesians 5:15-16*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: mind, life, wisdom

Interpretation:
Ephesians 5:15 calls believers to be wise in their actions. *Paul* calls Christians to be careful how they walk the path of life. The Greek word for *“watch”* means to pay attention or be careful, which suggests constant self-examination and self-evaluation as we walk the path of faith. It is a call to wisdom in everyday life and responsibility in individual behavior.

In this verse, Paul contrasts the wise life with the foolish life. It is important to emphasize the idea that everyone is capable of acting wisely, but chooses to follow the foolish way instead of pursuing a more meaningful life in the Lord. The *“foolish way”* suggests a life without meaning and purpose, while the *“wise way”* refers to a constant effort to live in accordance with the principles and teachings *of Christ*.

This verse is very relevant in today's society, where there are so many distractions and temptations around us. It is easy to fall into the trap of hasty decisions and reckless actions. So this verse is a reminder of how important it is to stay on the right path in life and live as who we are: *children of God*.

Time is one of the most valuable resources we have in life, and that is why *God's Word* encourages us to use it wisely.

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> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.
> — *James 3:13*

Book: New Testament / James
Topics: mind, humility, life, wisdom

Interpretation:
Every day, the world offers us different ways to establish our wisdom and understanding. From educational systems to social media and television, everyone will tell us that there are certain ways to be wise and understand life. But what does the Bible say about true wisdom?

Who is wise and understanding?

James 3:13 begins with this rhetorical question that challenges anyone who reads it. The central idea is that true wisdom is hard to find, but we can still identify it by how we live.

Good behavior and wise gentleness

The second part of the verse sets an important criterion for identifying true wisdom: *good behavior and wise gentleness*. Here, *James* reminds us that words and teachings are incomplete unless they are reflected in actions that match the message.

Application to our lives

As Christians, wisdom and understanding should be a fundamental part of our lives. Good behavior and wise meekness are two of the main fruits we must meditate on to demonstrate our true wisdom. It is important to remember that both qualities must go hand in hand, since good behavior without wise

meekness can appear hypocritical, and meekness without good behavior can be ineffective.

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> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.
> *— Mark 12:33*

Book: New Testament / Mark
Topics: mind, heart, love, neighbor, sacrifice, strength

Interpretation:
In this Bible verse, *Jesus* teaches us the importance of loving our neighbor as ourselves. According to Jesus, this is more important than any sacrifice or burnt offering we can make in the name of faith. The command to love our neighbor as ourselves is a recurring theme in the Bible, and its importance is reflected in several passages, such as *Leviticus 19:18* and *Matthew 22:39*. In *Mark 12:33*, *Jesus* reminds us of this command and encourages us to live it with our whole being.

How can we apply this command in our daily lives?

Loving our neighbor as ourselves is not easy, but Jesus sets an example for us. He dedicated much of His ministry to helping those in need, healing the sick and feeding the hungry. This command can be applied in many ways. It can start with treating others with respect and dignity, regardless of their background, race, gender, or beliefs. We should be willing to help those in need, compassionate and kind.

We can also put the concept of empathy into practice by treating others as we would like to be treated in a similar situation. We should pay attention to other people's problems and look for ways to help them solve them.

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> Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’
> — *Matthew 22:37*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: mind, heart, soul

Interpretation:
One of the most important commands that Jesus gave us in Scripture. This command calls us to total submission to God and offers us a unique perspective on how we should relate to Him.

When Jesus talks about **“loving the Lord with all your heart”**, he means total surrender. This means that we are to give every area of ??our lives to God, holding nothing back. We are to seek His will and direction in everything we do and be willing to give up our own desires for His sake.

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> Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
> — *Matthew 7:24*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: mind, listening, wisdom, Word of God

Interpretation:
This verse is part of the famous Sermon on the Mount, which *Jesus* delivered to the crowds that followed him. In it, Jesus taught about various aspects of the Christian life, such as prayer, fasting, caring for material things, and loving one’s neighbor.

In *chapter 7, the Lord* speaks of the need to be wise and prudent in our lives and not to be deceived by false prophets. Then, in *verses 24–27*, Jesus illustrates this teaching with a parable about building two houses, one on rock and one on sand.

The parable

In the parable, Jesus compares two builders, one wise and one foolish. They both wanted to build a house, but the wise man built his house on rock, while the foolish man built his house on sand. When the rain came, the floods came, and the winds came, the wise man's house stood firm, but the foolish man's house collapsed.

Jesus concludes the parable by saying that those who put His words into practice are like the wise man who was able to withstand the storms of life.

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> A fool spurns a parent's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.
>
> *— Proverbs 15:5*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, children, Father, wisdom

Interpretation:
The Book of Proverbs is considered a source of wisdom for Christians because its teachings cover several topics that are applicable to our daily lives. One of these topics is advice and how to accept it. In this sense, *Proverbs 15:5* teaches us an important lesson.

What does it mean to be a fool?

In this verse, the word "fool" refers to a person who lacks wisdom and acts without thinking about the consequences of his actions. Such a person does not realize that he needs help or advice and thinks that he is always right. Moreover, he disdains the advice of those who could help him, and in this case, he even goes so far as to disobey his own father.

The importance of accepting correction

On the other hand, this verse also emphasizes the importance of accepting correction. A "wise man" is one who has wisdom and realizes that he does not know everything. He is humble and willing to learn from those more experienced. He accepts advice and uses it for self-improvement and personal growth.

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> Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.
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> *— Proverbs 17:28*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, speaking, wisdom

Interpretation:
The Bible teaches us that those who speak little are considered wise. This principle is reflected in *Proverbs 17:28*. This phrase may seem contradictory, but it actually teaches us the value of silence in wisdom.

The value of silence

In our modern culture, the word “wisdom” is closely associated with information and knowledge. However, the Bible teaches us that true wisdom goes beyond knowledge and information. Wisdom is the ability to discern between good and evil and to act accordingly.

In this sense, silence can be a powerful tool for developing this ability. When we are silent and listen, we open the door to reflection and deep analysis. In this way, we can better understand situations and make wiser decisions.

The danger of talking too much

On the other hand, those who talk too much risk becoming reckless and talkative. Because of this, we may say things we do not mean or things that do not fully reflect our true thoughts and feelings.

Moreover, by talking too much, we may miss the opportunity to listen to others and learn from their experiences and knowledge. The lack of humility that lies behind the need to constantly talk can hinder our development as individuals.

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> The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.
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> — *Proverbs 19:8*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, life, wisdom

Interpretation:
The book of Proverbs is famous for its wise advice and life lessons. In this passage, the author gives us an important message.

Love yourself

The first thing we can take away from this verse is that we must love ourselves. A man of understanding loves his own soul, that is, he cares for his emotional and spiritual well-being. We must learn to take care of ourselves and love ourselves, because this allows us to be at peace with ourselves and build better relationships with others.

There are many ways to care for our soul. Each person chooses the one that best suits his needs. Here are some recommendations:

- Doing something we enjoy and that makes us feel good.
- Meditating or doing yoga.
- Praying or connecting with our spirituality.
- Talking about our feelings with someone we trust.
- Seeking professional help if we feel we need support.

Taking care of our intellect

The second message of the verse is that we must take care of our intellect if we want to find goodness in life. This means constantly learning, developing, and expanding our knowledge. Good advice is to never stop learning and always be open to new experiences and knowledge.

Taking care of our intellect brings us a number of benefits. For example, it makes us emotionally stronger, helps us better understand ourselves and the world around us, and allows us to make better decisions and cope with difficulties more effectively.

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> The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.
> — *Proverbs 27:12*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, protection, punishment, safety

Interpretation:
Proverbs 27:12 presents an interesting metaphor demonstrating the difference between the wise and the unwary. While the wise are able to anticipate risks and threats, acting cautiously and prudently, the unwary, on the contrary, expose themselves to them and suffer the consequences. This metaphor contrasts two approaches to life, two styles of dealing with emerging opportunities and dangers.

This verse teaches us that prudence is a fundamental value that helps us make informed and informed decisions. Prudence implies caution, thoughtfulness, and deliberation, as well as consideration of the consequences of our actions. As a result, it allows us to avoid unnecessary mistakes and make the right decisions at the right time.

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> As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
> — *Proverbs 27:17*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, friendship, relationships

Interpretation:
Proverbs 27:17 uses a metaphor to show that people can improve their skills and character through interactions with others. Just as two pieces of iron sharpen each other, two friends can help each other become better people.

Application to our daily lives

This verse is very relevant to our daily lives, as it shows us the importance of surrounding ourselves with good friends. We often have friends who don't bring out the best in us, but it's important to seek out those who challenge us and help us grow as individuals.

Furthermore, this verse can also be applied to work. If we want to improve and develop our skills, it's important to seek out people with deeper knowledge in the area we want to improve. By interacting with them, we can learn from their experience and insights.

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> Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.
> — *Proverbs 3:13*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: mind, understanding, wisdom

Interpretation:
Wisdom is the knowledge of truth and justice and the ability to apply them in life. Intelligence, on the other hand, is the ability to reason and understand new things. Together, wisdom and intelligence are ideal qualities for any person, bringing great happiness to those who possess them.

The Bible verse *Proverbs 3:13* is meant to help us understand that wisdom and understanding are more valuable than anything else we can acquire in life. Many people today confuse knowledge with wisdom. They study and earn degrees, but they do not always learn how to apply values ??and principles in everyday life. Knowledge is important, but wisdom is the most important ingredient for a fulfilling and joyful life.

Acquiring wisdom and knowledge should be a constant pursuit in life. Regardless of age and experience, there is always something new to learn. In the Bible, knowledge and wisdom are presented as both an individual and a collective achievement. That is, it is not enough to acquire wisdom for yourself; it must be shared for the benefit of society.

The blessing of wisdom

Wisdom is a blessing that can be expressed in many ways. For some, wisdom may mean understanding human nature and the emotions of others. For others, it may mean the ability to communicate and resolve conflicts. But in general, wisdom means the ability to make good decisions and live a fulfilling and joyful life.

Most people who seek wisdom do so to improve their well-being and life in general. However, wisdom can also be of great help in overcoming trauma and difficult life situations, such as the loss of a loved one. Wisdom is also closely related to resilience, as those who possess it are able to face difficulties with greater determination and optimism.

How to gain wisdom

To gain wisdom, one must develop humility, patience, curiosity, and, above all, perseverance. Education and work experience can be valuable tools for gaining knowledge, but wisdom can also be gained through observation of everyday life, reading, and reflection.

Meditation and prayer are also powerful tools for gaining wisdom. By connecting with the divine and being in a state of peace and tranquility, we can find answers and solutions to our problems. Humility and compassion are also keys to gaining wisdom and understanding the needs of others.

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> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
>
> *— Romans 1:20*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: mind, Almighty, creation, strength, world

Interpretation:
Romans 1:20 refers to how God has revealed himself through creation. This statement challenges us to consider the omnipresence of God and His ability to reveal Himself in all of His creation.

The Bible shows us that God not only created the world, but He is present in everything He has made, from the largest to the smallest details. Therefore, creation is a testimony to the glory and majesty of

God.

The divinity of God through creation

The *Apostle Paul* tells us that we can recognize the divinity of God by His works. This means that we can find signs in nature that indicate the existence of a Creator. When we look at the sky, the stars, the mountains, and the seas, we see the ingenuity and precision of every detail, which leads us to recognize the wisdom and power of God.

As humans, we are gifted with the ability to see and understand creation. We can admire the beauty of a landscape, the majesty of an animal, the harmony of the seasons, and the life that surrounds us. All of these are manifestations of God's presence in our lives and an opportunity to know Him through His creation.

Human responsibility for creation

Romans 1:20 also reminds us that we cannot exempt ourselves from our responsibility as human beings towards creation. We are to care for and protect nature, occupying the position of its *"administrators."* The idea that creation is a testimony to God's glory obliges us to care for it and protect it.

Unfortunately, we often see people mistreating and abusing creation, showing a complete lack of respect for the God who created it. Since we understand that nature is a gift from God, we have a responsibility to care for it and protect it, and not allow it to be destroyed.

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> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.
> — *Romans 12:3*

Book: New Testament / Romans
Topics: mind, faith, grace, thoughts

Interpretation:

Romans 12:3 teaches a doctrine of humility that is especially important for Christians. *The Apostle Paul* explains that every believer must have a realistic view of themselves, without exaggerating their importance or role in society. This is a way to avoid selfishness and pride and to accept God's will as part of our daily lives.

What measure of faith is he talking about

One of the most important aspects of this verse is the concept of the *"measure of faith"* that Paul mentions. Faith is a gift from God given to us through *the Holy Spirit*. Each believer has a different degree of faith, which depends on their experience, knowledge, and personal relationship with God.

It is important to note that Paul is not talking about a *"quantity"* of faith or a hierarchy of believers. Rather, it refers to a personal and individual measure that each person must discover in the context of their own life. Therefore, no one can claim the right to be above others or look down on those who have less faith than they do.

Why humility is necessary

Humility is one of the most important virtues a Christian can develop, as it is the foundation of our relationships with God and others. Humility allows us to recognize our limitations, accept the free will of others, and trust in divine providence.

On the other hand, pride and arrogance are the greatest obstacles to spiritual growth, as they prevent us from seeing our true nature and our relationships with the world around us.

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