



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

2012 Feb 26

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. **Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.**

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. **Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important.** Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. **If possible, live in peace with everyone.** Do that as much as you can.

Agenda (see news letter)

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- 25th Get 5 cords wood
 - 2 cords J&A.
 - 2 cords C.
 - 1 cord L.
 - 10am Emsdale.
- 25th Make bags for Missions

Truck needed 25th

Ken & Penny to bring van and trailer

Need snowblower/ shovels

Sled ...for wood

Thanks to K.H. for some help.

Maybe needs tarps

Communicate to L. and G.H. folk.

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Mission:\$100

See website

Sort message/ discussion

James & Wisdom!

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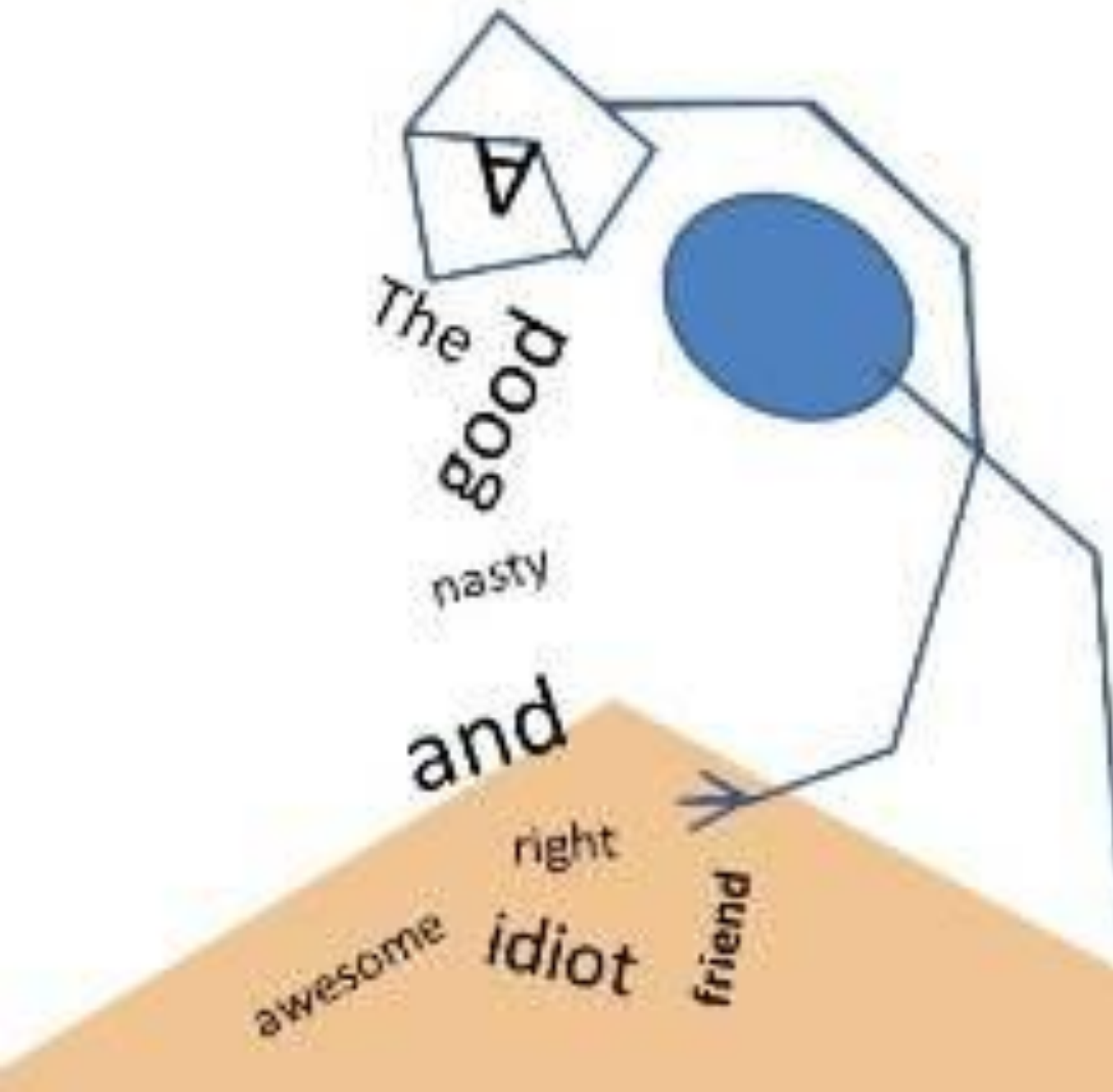
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Wisdom & words



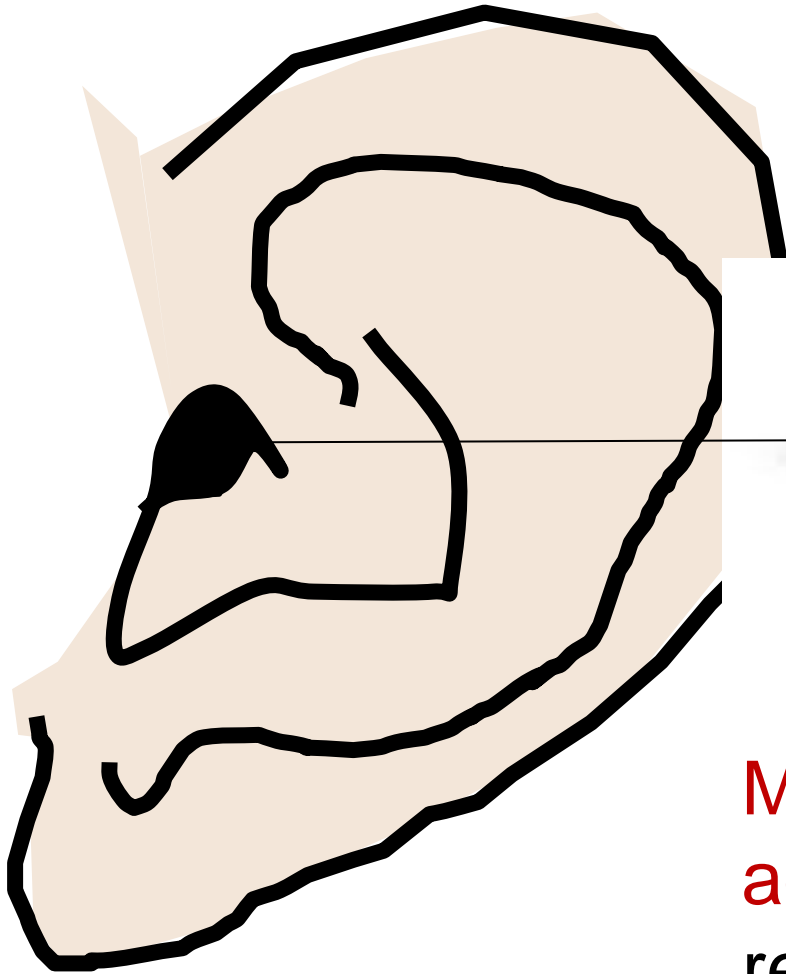
A university student lost his voice for a few days when I was a student.

How it impacted him!

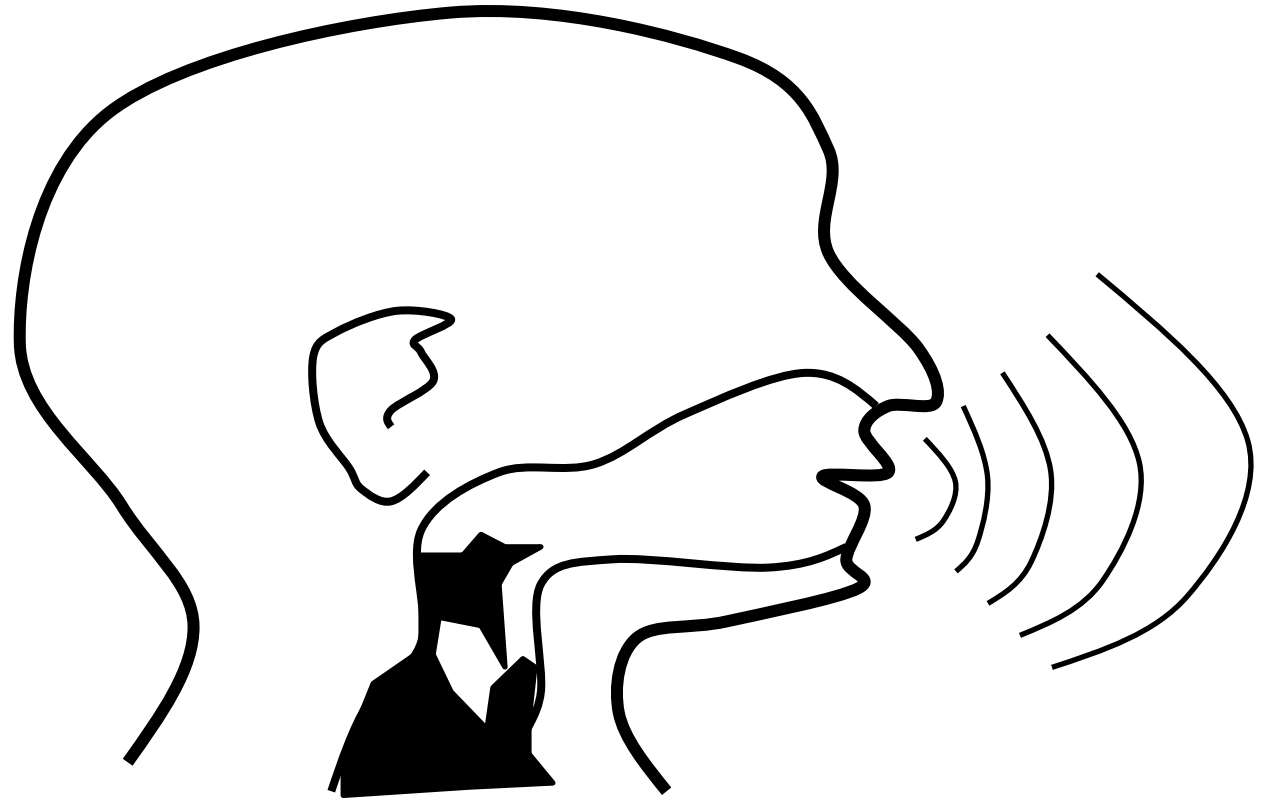
- Days later when his voice returned, he *was choosing his words far more carefully* and let us all know he had found out that we waste and abuse words terribly! *The sincerity and concentrated emotion that came with those words of his, has had me remembering them for over thirty years!*

How little we consider the privilege we have in communicating by speaking and hearing!

Isn't it true that each day, a swarm of sounds enter our ears flying through into our brains through our perception filters.



Much of what we hear, we actually tune out and a little is retained to enter our conscious mind. (At least for some of us!)



Then we open our mouths and our vocal chords dance in carefully controlled vibrations, modified by an acrobatic tongue and lips,

to form sounds that have **immense** power.

Not in their sound, but rather in their meaning!



WORDS reveal
a persons
WISDOM
don't they?

If we have ever
watched a baby
learning to speak, we
know that **they**
understand before
they speak.

Words follow the
creation of meaning
and are an attempt to
reveal the inward
constructions of our
minds activity.



**“WISDOM IS
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~ Albert
Einstein

**Fine for Albert to say as he was one
of the smartest people that ever
lived . . .**

. . .but it is interesting that he says
wisdom is not gained by schooling

So many of us think if we can get that next degree
or be able to achieve that next academic award,
or write that thesis or rub shoulders with the
academic elite we will be wiser. Albert says that's
not how you get it!

Wisdom is deeper! Even the online dictionary[1] says this in its definition

wis·dom (w z d m)

n.

1. The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight.
2. Common sense; good judgment: *"It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things"* (Henry David Thoreau).
3.
 - a. The sum of learning through the ages; knowledge: *"In those homely sayings was couched the collective wisdom of generations"* (Maya Angelou).
 - b. Wise teachings of the ancient sages.
4. A wise outlook, plan, or course of action.
5. **Wisdom Bible** Wisdom of Solomon.

So if we **cannot get wise** by **learning stuff** and **common sense** is something that has to be gained and cannot be learned, **are we lost?**

How do we go about getting wisdom?

The bible says this:

Proverbs 1:5-7 (NIV)

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—

6 for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Note that a fool in this context refers to a morally deficient person.

It says **fear of God** is the beginning of wisdom. **This is the start point.**

So **those academics who do not fear God are not wise** as they have not yet reached the starting point of wisdom.

We have to come to grips with the fact that **God is before all things, created all things and sustains all things.**

Respect for God is the start of wisdom.

Note, I didn't say accepting God as a personal saviour (our modern war cry that is overused and become a platitude) since that is NOT what the bible says.

All it says is fear of God is central to starting to get wisdom.

Fear grows from respect and understanding consequences, doesn't it?



So where do we go from there?

Well God once asked a man who was an ancient King something. Here is what was said:

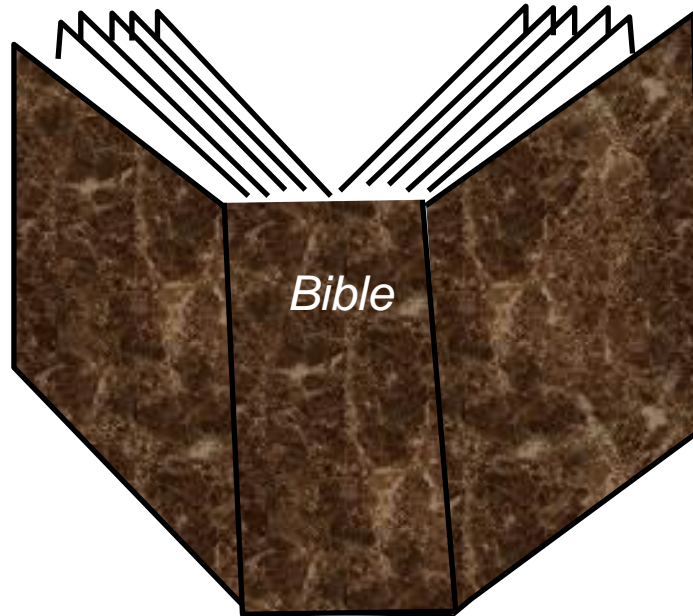
1 Ki 3:5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Now the reason I mention this is that Solomon wanted wisdom, a discerning heart.

God says : I will do what you have asked. **I will give you a wise and discerning heart**, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

**Solomon had a book of the bible written
about how to gain wisdom. . .**

. . . it is **proverbs!**



About the middle of the book!

Proverbs 1

Purpose

¹ These are the proverbs of Solomon. He was the son of David and the king of Israel.

² Proverbs teach you wisdom and train you.

They help you understand wise sayings.

³ They provide you with training and help you live wisely.

They lead to what is right and honest and fair.

⁴ They give understanding to childish people.

They give knowledge and good sense to those who are young.

⁵ Let wise people listen and add to what they have learned.

Let those who understand what is right get guidance.

⁶ What I'm teaching also helps you understand proverbs and stories.

It helps you understand the sayings and riddles of those who are wise.

There are **31 chapters** and that is interesting because there is a maximum of **31 days in a month**.

So, if we want to get wisdom, perhaps **reading one chapter a day**, and **repeating it for a year would mean we read these deep words twelve times**.

During that time we will live life and be able to apply them!

Then, **our life experience and God's word will work together to increase our wisdom** (provided we have started out fearing God).

This is worth more than academic degrees and is freely done.

Think about it!

One last thing...

... you also need to believe it!

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Let's fear God, read proverbs regularly, and believe...



...then we will become wise!

Try it!

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