



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE
Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

HEAR

June 28 – Wisdom Delivers

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQyWce1rWw>

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 2: 10, 11

10 Your heart will become wise. Your mind will delight in knowledge.

11 Good sense will keep you safe. Understanding will guard you.

Let us read together

Proverbs 3:13-18 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom.

Blessed is the one who gains understanding.

14 Wisdom pays better than silver does.

She earns more than gold does.

15 She is worth more than rubies.

Nothing you want can compare with her.



- ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand.
In her left hand are riches and honor.
- ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways.
All her paths lead to peace.
- ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her.
Those who hold her close will be blessed.

2 Chronicles 1: 7 - 12

7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

8 Solomon answered God, “You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, Lord God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. 10 Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

11 God said to Solomon, “Since this is your heart’s desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, 12 therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have.”

Message:

Let us talk about it:

Wisdom is literally defined as discernment followed by the application of knowledge to fulfill a purpose. What this says to us, then, is clearly there is no wisdom to hear if there is no purpose intended. Purpose will vary from person to person yet the core of life and happiness is to find purpose for everything we do. Wisdom, then, is the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. Since everyone has experiences and knowledge about something, then wisdom is everywhere. The key here is good judgment. That is, recognizing and acknowledging what is valuable and what is not.

In James 1:5 we read “If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn’t find fault.” And in Proverbs 3: 13 – 18 we see the blessedness of a person with wisdom. Through having wisdom, a person can get anything they want. Importantly though, we must ask for wisdom.

King Solomon asked God for wisdom to lead God's people. Read 2 Chronicles 1: 7 – 12. After God offered Solomon anything his heart desired, Solomon asked for wisdom – not just knowledge, but the capacity to use it. Solomon is often referred to as the wise king.

Your teachers at school have knowledge. They pass on this knowledge to you. What are you going to do with this knowledge? One question that students like to ask their teachers in school is “how am I going to use this?” What is the purpose? Remember that we said that wisdom comes from the application of knowledge to fulfill a purpose. Note that Solomon had the knowledge of how to lead his people, but he asked God to help him to use this knowledge. So it is not wisdom until you can use it. A person can have all the knowledge of flying an aircraft, but wisdom comes when the person gets into the aircraft and actually takes it into the air and safely brings it back down. Your driving instructor can tell you all about driving a vehicle, but wisdom comes when you can sit behind the wheel and safely maneuver the traffic on the street.

It will appear then we need to listen for wisdom. We need to hear as wisdom calls out to us. Wisdom calls for hearing. To hear wisdom, we have to be open to receiving it. Wisdom comes in many different forms. Wisdom helps to provide insights and gives new perspectives on looking at something differently. Our senior citizens will say to us “Listen to wisdom” when they are trying to explain something to us or to correct us about something. Do you have an inquiring mind? Do you ask questions? How do you acquire knowledge? An inquiring mind is open to wisdom. A discovery-oriented mind allows us to keep looking and keep learning as we have opportunities that come up in our life.

In Proverbs 1:20 we read “Wisdom cries out in the streets”. That, to me, indicates the possibility of hearing wisdom anywhere and anytime, yes even from our friends around us.

When your classmate successfully completes a task or answers a question, then you can learn from them, and then you can correctly answer the same question or complete the same or a related task.

Similarly, when a person fails, we can learn from them through discernment of the mistakes, its why's and how's so that you do not make the same mistake. You see your classmate being punished for certain undesirable behaviours, do you then go and do the same thing? No, you know the consequences, so you will not repeat that same action.

Most of time, we are always already have an intuitive mind about what we want to learn, know or engage in. All that is needed are the right feeds for the wisdom to mature.

I will leave you with three aspects of hearing wisdom.

1. We hear with our ears – the ear hears and weighs what is heard.
2. We hear with our minds – the mind decided what to relate to as wisdom.
3. We hear with our hearts – the heart takes in what is necessary for wisdom to grow within us.

Let us pray:

Let us ask God for wisdom.

Gracious God, you have promised to direct us to what is best for us. Help me to recognize your voice, teach me to be quiet so that I can listen to you. Do not allow the noise of wrong influences and ungodly advice to muddle my thoughts and distract me from listening to the right things. Help me to focus my hearing on helpful words and advice. Help me to stay strong against discouraging remarks. Develop in me the ability to recognize words that provide guidance and direction towards a better life. Bring into my life people with wisdom willing to help me along the path that you have set for me. These things I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



Activity:

Have fun with words:

Use the words understand, knowledge, wisdom.

For each word find the numbers of words that you can make using the letters from each word. The first letter is given for each word. I am sure that you can find some other words.

letters	wisdom	knowledge		understand	
3	d --	l --	o --	e --	n --
	m --	n --	o --	e --	t --
	s --		w --	e --	t --
4		e ---	k ---	n ---	t ---
		d ---	k ---	r ---	t ---
		g ---	n ---	s ---	u ---
5		e ----	l ----	d ----	t ----
		k ----	l ----	n ----	t ----
				s ----	u ----
6		g -----	l -----	n -----	
		g -----	l -----	s -----	
7				d -----	s -----
8				s -----	
9				r -----	

(Answers next week)

(Answers from last week)

Here is the paragraph with the Bible book names are in bold print and yellow.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is **a most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends... One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo, **Elaine Taylor**, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or a scholar to **see** some of **them at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new record. The local paper, **The Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel Humana humbly** puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**. There really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking s** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

