

Wisdom from Above

Job 37:10-12

¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given, And the broad waters are frozen.

¹¹ Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds.

¹² And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, That they may do whatever He commands them On the face of the whole earth.

- “as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue**” 2 Peter 1:3

God's Wisdom

Proverbs 3:19-20

¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

²⁰ By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew

Psalms 104:24

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions

Jeremiah 51:15

¹⁵ He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, And stretched out the heaven by His understanding

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Job 38:33-37

³³ Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?

³⁴ "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That an abundance of water may cover you?

³⁵ Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And say to you, 'Here we are!'

³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?

³⁷ Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven,

Definition

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

Expectation

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

God is The Source of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:6-8

⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;

⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;

⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

Man must acknowledge

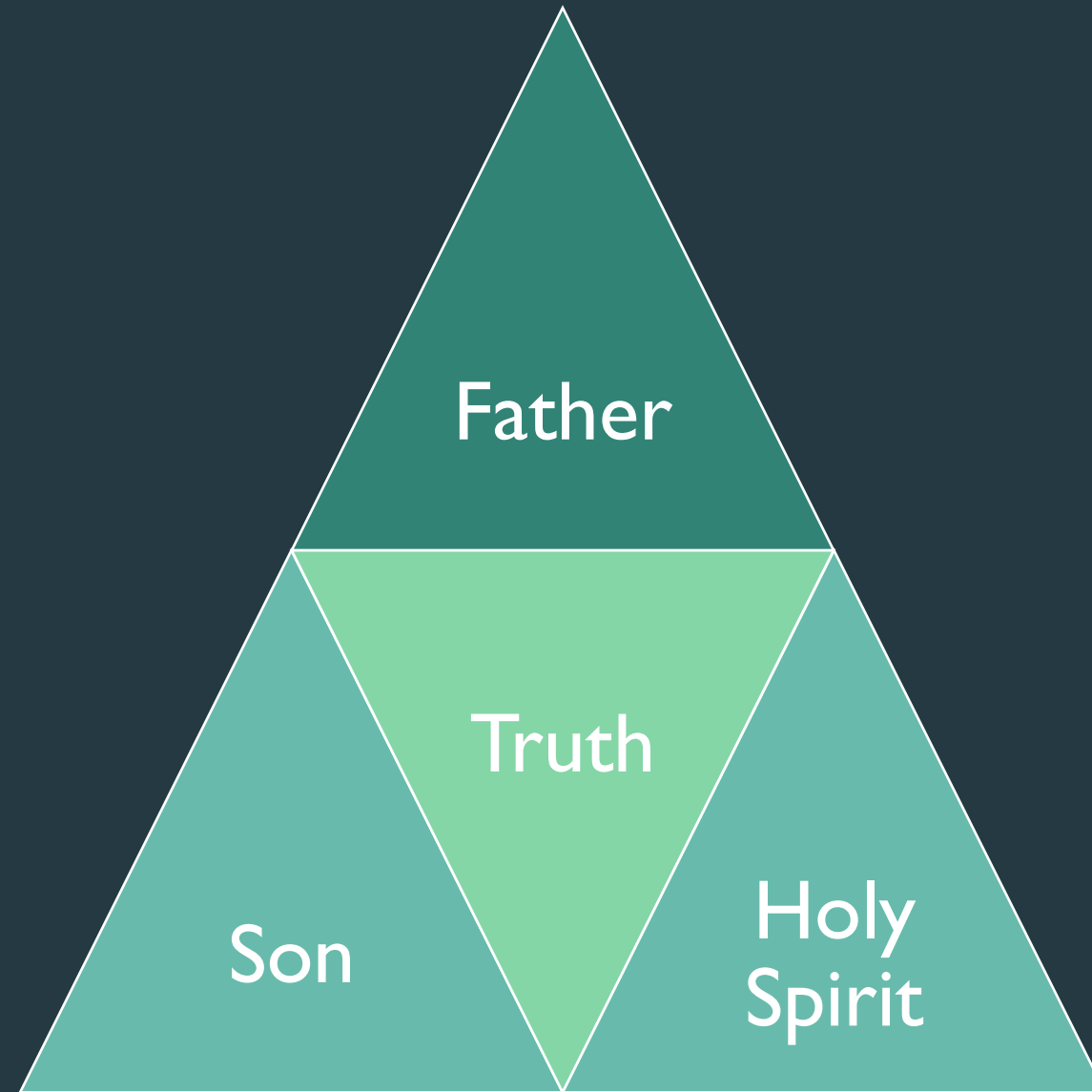
Jeremiah 10:23

²³ O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Harmony Around the Truth

John 17:8

⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me



John 16:12-13

¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.
¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for **He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak;** and He will tell you things to come.

Value of Wisdom

Psalm 19:7-11

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

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Value of Wisdom

Proverbs 8:11-19

¹¹ For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

¹² "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge *and* discretion.

¹³ The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

¹⁴ Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I *am* understanding, I have strength.

¹⁵ By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice.

¹⁶ By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.

¹⁷ I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

¹⁸ Riches and honor *are* with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.

¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver.

Knowledge

Discretion

Sound
Wisdom

Just System of Law

Strength

Those Who Seek
Diligently Will Find

Value of Wisdom

Proverbs 8:32-36

³² "Now therefore, listen to me, *my children*, For *blessed are those who keep my ways.*

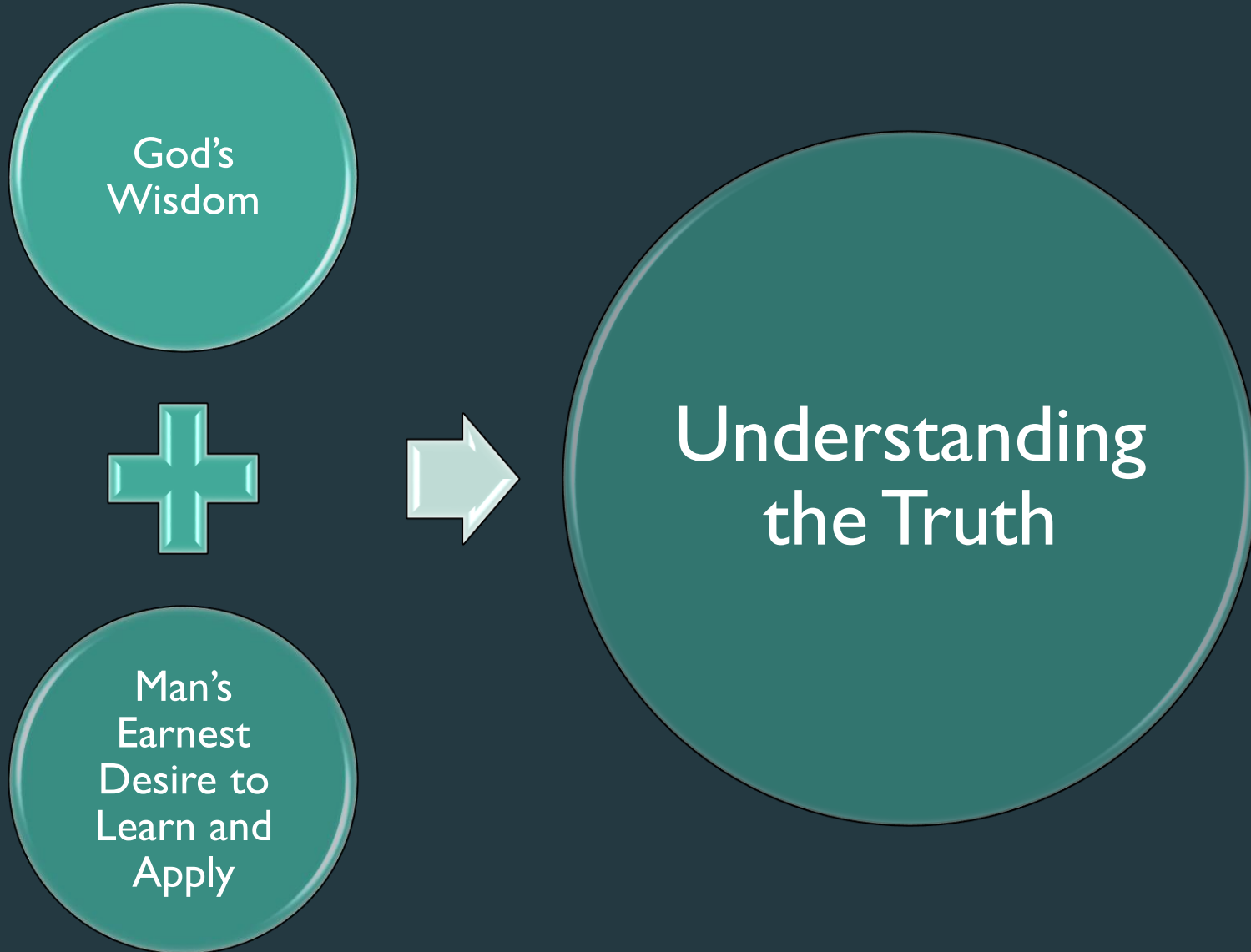
³³ Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain *it.*

³⁴ Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;

³⁶ But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."

Strong Desire for the Truth



“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding” Prov 4:7

Strong Desire for the Truth

Proverbs 2:1-5

¹ My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,

² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding;

³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding,

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When Wisdom Enters the Heart

We Develop a Deep Love for the Truth

- ¹ Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!
- ² Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!
- ³ They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.
- ⁴ You have commanded *us* To keep Your precepts diligently.
- ⁵ Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.
- ⁸ I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!
- ⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.
- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! (Psalm 119:1-11)

When Wisdom Enters the Heart

We will be delivered from Evil

¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,

¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,

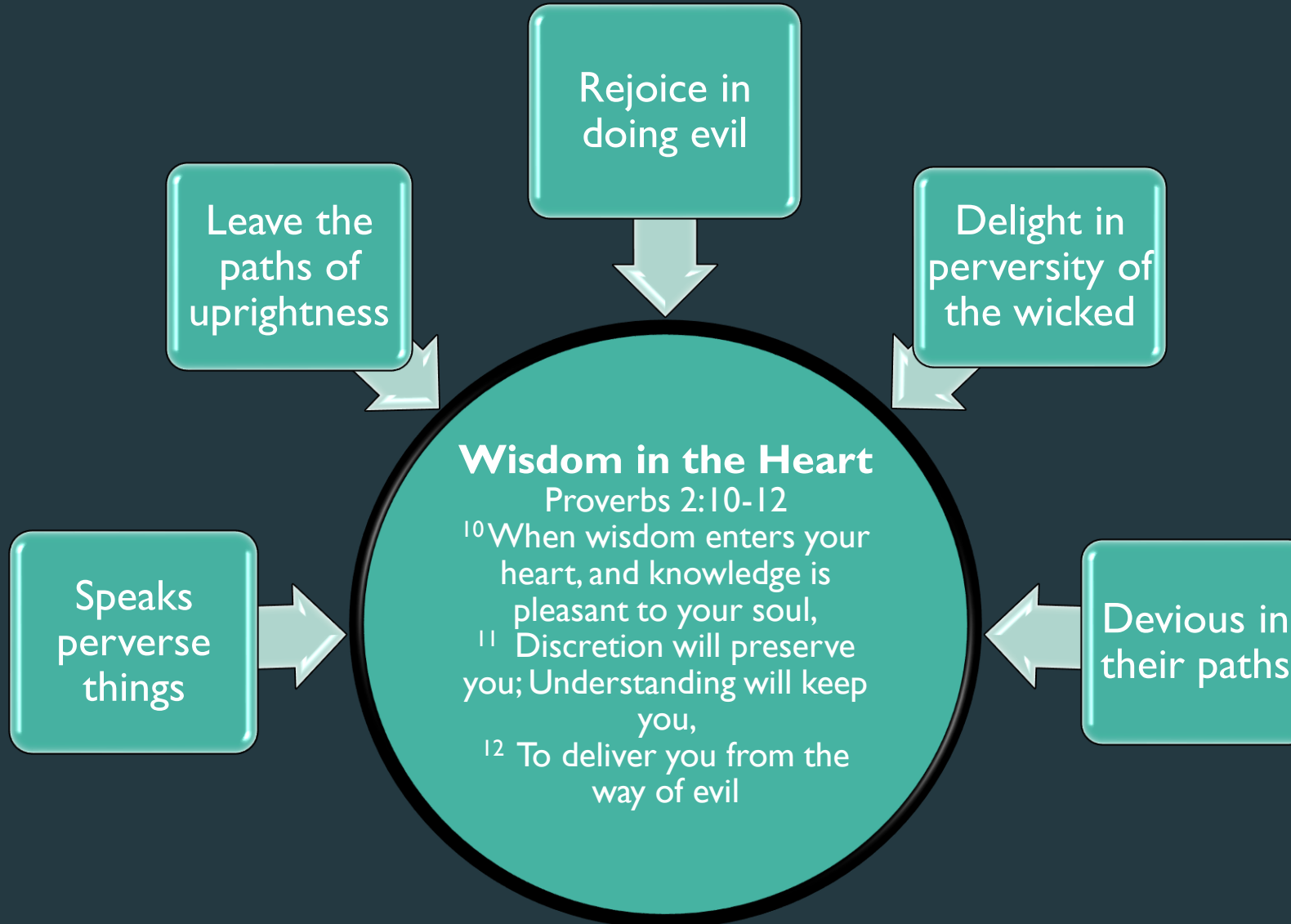
¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;

¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked;

¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, *And who are* devious in their paths;

(Proverbs 2:10-15)

When Wisdom Enters the Heart



“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed” Prov 13:20

When Wisdom Enters the Heart

Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:1-17

Cast Off Earthly Wisdom

Put to death fleshly lusts

Fornication	Uncleanness
Lewdness	Idolatry
Sorcery	Hatred
Contentions	Jealousies
Outbursts of wrath	Selfish ambitions
Dissensions	Heresies
Envy	Murders
Drunkenness	Revelries
Bitterness	Anger

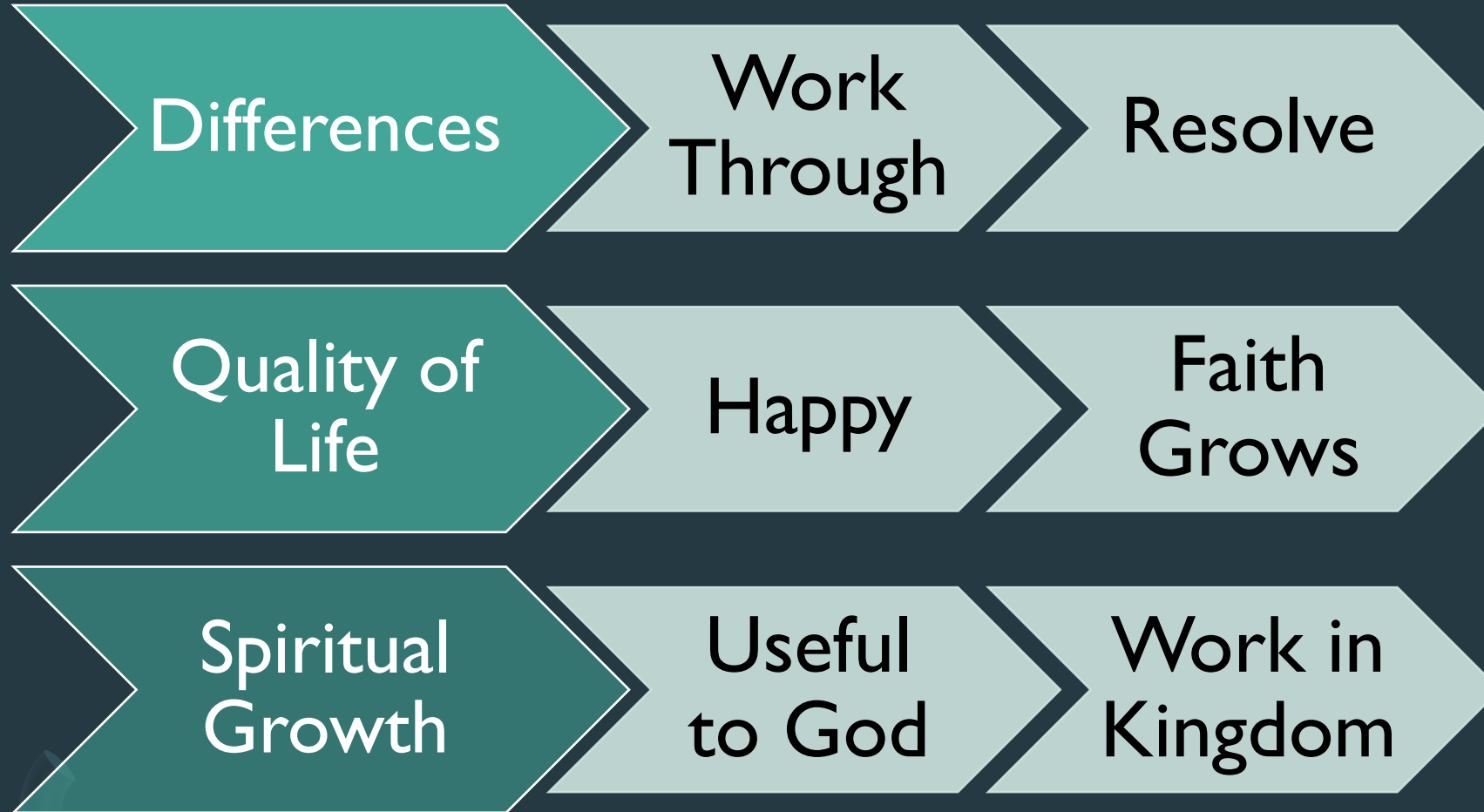
Put On Wisdom From Above

Put on Fruits according to God's image

Tender Mercies	Kindness
Humility	Meekness
Longsuffering	Bearing
Forgiving	Loving
Joy	Peace
Goodness	Faithfulness
Gentleness	Self-Control
Edification	Giving
Labor	Good works

“put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” Ephesians 4:24

How Wisdom is Manifested



Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,
²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

Proverbs 3:13, 18

¹³ Happy is the man *who* finds wisdom,
And the man *who* gains understanding;
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are *all* who retain her.

2 Timothy 2:21

²¹ ...he will be a vessel for honor,
sanctified and useful for the Master,
prepared for every good work

How Wisdom is Manifested

Trials

Endure

Grow

James 1:2-3 (NASB)

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance

Sin

Resist

Escape

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it

Good Works

Shines Light

Glorifies God

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Application

- Acknowledge God as the sole source of wisdom and reject wisdom from men
- Recognize our need for God's guidance and understand why he should direct our steps
- Learn about the value of wisdom from above, apply it to our lives
- Develop a strong desire for the truth and seek it like silver or gold
- Allow God's wisdom to penetrate our heart, cast off worldly wisdom and add the spiritual qualities necessary to transform into His servant
- Apply the wisdom of God's word in all areas of our life, so that we can handle each situation appropriately and as God would expect
- Express our appreciation to God in prayer for sharing his wisdom
- Share God's wisdom, the "good news" with others, to transform them