





# Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge

## Proverbs 24:3-4

- Wisdom: “Through wisdom a house is built”
- Understanding: “and by understanding it is established”
- Knowledge: “by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious & pleasant riches”
- Key: These are the raw materials



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## Proverbs 24:3-4

- “wisdom”=knowledge put to practice (e.g. Ex. 28.3; 31.3, 6; Is. 10.13)
- “understanding”=comprehension, insight, discernment (Is. 33.19; Dan. 1.20; Pr. 15.21)
- “knowledge”=[root] knowledge gained by the senses—observation/correlation/interpretation; personally obtained (Cf. Pr. 20.5)



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- **1 Peter 3.7:** "...dwell with them **with understanding**, giving **honor** to the wife, as to weaker vessels, & being co-heirs that your **prayers** be not hindered"
- ✓ "understanding"=to come to a knowledge base as a result of experience & therefore learning
- ✓ Areas: Spiritual, soul (mind, will, emotions), and physical



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  - ✓ "giving honor"=to set a price upon; assignment of value/status to someone; ascribe worth; esteem; respect; revere
  - ✓ Practical: What you notice; when you notice; how you notice; where you notice; why you notice



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- **1 Peter 3.7:** "...as to **weaker vessels**, and being **co-heirs** that your **prayers** be not hindered"
  - ✓ "weaker vessels"=without strength physically speaking (perhaps an emotional reference; but not intellectually); i.e. differences is the point
  - ✓ "co-heirs"=one who participates in the same lot
  - ✓ "prayers"=assumes ongoing prayer



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- **Differences:** Men & women (1 Pet. 3.7)
- **Personality:**
  1. **Type:** Melancholy, Sanguine, Choleric, Phlegmatic
  2. **Emotions:** Response, expression, etc.
  3. **Love Language:** Time, helps, touch, etc.
  4. **Fleshly Struggles:** E.g. pride, lust appearances, security, bitterness, jealousy, etc.



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- **Spiritual Gift**—(1 Cor. 12.12-25)
  1. Comprehending the differences: “If a foot should say, ‘Because I am not...is it ...not of the body?’” (v. 16))
  2. Appreciating the perspective: “If the whole body were an eye...where would be...hearing?” (v. 17)
  3. Valuing its necessity: “...the eye cannot say...‘I have no need of you...’” (v. 21)



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- **Spiritual Gift Expression:**

1. 1 Pet. 4.10: "As it one has received a gift, minister it..."
2. Eph. 4.16: "effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth..."
3. Spouse: Let him or her express it; keep each in balance; be mindful of your other responsibilities



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- **Sentinel Spiritual Decisions**

1. Convictions: "...but beware lest...this liberty...becomes a stumbling block to those who are weak..." (1 Cor. 9.4-13)
2. Call: "...he is a chosen a vessel of mine...I was appointed a preacher and an apostle...a teacher of the Gentiles..." (Acts 9.10-19 1 Tim. 2.7)



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## **Communication:**

- Purpose: To be understood and understand; it is the need of every man, woman, & child
- God's passion too:
  1. Is. 1.18: "Come let us reason together"
  2. Job 38-41: "Now prepare yourself like a man and I will question you..."



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## **Communication: Principles**

- James 1.19 (cf. Pr. 10.19. 17.27)
  1. 'Quick or swift'=ready or prompt—to hear
  2. 'Slow'=comes from root: 'delay'—to speak
- Insight: You are not merely waiting for your turn to speak, make your case, or win the argument



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1. Proverbs 20.5: "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a **man of understanding will draw it out**"
2. Insight: Take what you know of your spouses personality, bents, needs and burdens to create the atmosphere that welcomes the thoughts of your spouse



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- **Goal is to be understood:** You may need to work at it—
  1. Suitable: Prov. 25.11: “A word fitly [suitable; beautiful for the occasion] spoken is like apples of gold...”
  2. Timing: Prov. 15.23: “...a word spoken in due season, how good it is...”
  3. Method (part a): Prov. 27.14—“...loud voice...early in the morning...a curse...”



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## •Goal is to understand:

3. Method (part b): ; Prov. 15.1—"soft answer...turns away"
4. Content: Eph. 4.29—"Let no corrupt communication...but what is good for edification [increase the potential]"
5. Manner: Pr. 16.21—"The sweetness of lips increases learning" (Cf. Pr. 10.21; 15.4, 7; 16.21 -24; 22.17-18; 25.11; Ecc. 10.12; Col. 4.6)



