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“WHAT DOES WISDOM LOOK LIKE?”

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The bible is clear that wisdom is important and something we should pursue as believers:

Proverbs 4:7 (KJV): "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

We are even encouraged to ask God for wisdom if we find that we lack it. God has promised to generously provide wisdom to those who ask:

James 1:5 (KJV): "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

What a privilege to have access to Godly wisdom! God's wisdom does not lack anything. It takes into account everything. Yet, too often, we are substituting Godly wisdom for earthly understanding. When we say we will seek wise counsel, what we mean is that we'll seek out people who will tell us what we desire to hear. When we say that we're going to make wise decisions, what we mean is that we have done all of the researching, calculating, and figuring to come to a conclusion on our own. This is not evidence of Godly wisdom.

Proverbs 3:5 (KJV) says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." We are not exercising Godly wisdom just because someone else agrees with us about what we've decided to do. We are not exercising Godly wisdom just because we've spent a lot of time doing mental exercises to determine what we should do next.

So how do we know that we have tapped into Godly wisdom? What are the indicators that the people we are relying on are actually giving us wise counsel from the Lord? What are the indicators that we ourselves have tapped into the wisdom that is from above? The Bible actually tells us what wisdom from above looks like:

James 3:17 (KJV) "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

This is what Godly wisdom looks like. It's pure! It is not wrapped up with evil motivations and intentions. It's peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated. This means that it does not involve fussing, fighting, and arguing. It doesn't require being the loudest in the room. It's reasonable. We can approach it without fear of a blowup.

Godly wisdom is full of mercy and good fruits. Godly wisdom is something that edifies and builds up. It does not desire to tear down. It's impartial, not taking sides, but speaking the truth in love. It is sincere, not trying to get over on anyone, but trying to offer support to everyone.

If we consider the biblical description of wisdom, we may find that what we've been calling wisdom

isn't wisdom at all. We'll know we have tapped into the wisdom from above when it looks like the Bible says it should. When we tap into Godly wisdom, we'll not only see the difference, but we'll feel the difference, as we journey through this life.

THE RENZO REPORT

Dear Dr. C. Steven Cooley and RGMS Board Members,

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for January/February 2026. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 2 more new pastor from Western New England and worldwide. As Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for an NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 334 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments.

On Friday January 23, I attended the IGNITE the WIND "Step into the Shift" Prayer and Worship Meeting held at Springfield Sheraton-Monarch Hotel. The keynote speaker, Dr. Elijah Kim from the Boston Metro area preached a very powerful sermon about the mission of revival in New England.

On Sunday February 1st, I preached, "The Unveiling Vision of the Risen Jesus " from Revelation 1:1-8 at Greater Grace Church of Enfield, CT.

On Saturday February 2nd, I participated in one of the most powerful moments of revival at the Pioneer Valley Pastor's & Disciples Prayer Meeting sponsored by Jubilee Family Outreach in West Springfield, MA. Saints from different churches and communities congregated.

On February 8th, I preached a Sermon entitled, "Necessity of being Born Again" from John 3:1-21 and conducted Communion at First Baptist Church of Colrain, MA.

On February 20-21, I hope to attend the IGNITE the WIND "Open Portals" conference with the Keynote Speaker: Isaac Pitre and others at the Sheraton-Monarch Hotel. Pastor Reggie Cole will be announcing the future Evangelistic meetings to be held in the Metro Springfield area.

I had the greatest privilege serving Christ, at RISE UP NEW ENGLAND offices in Agawam MA, having served in various Board Meetings. Pastor Dr. Michael Youssef's evangelistic Reggie Cole and his son, Brian, helped me to strategize how to invite all the pastors from Western MA, Northern CT, both Southern Vermont and Hampshire to be involved with efforts for a Great Revival. I visited over 215 churches in New England, Lord, willing I hope to revisit these churches in the future and enlist them in future evangelistic endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Renzo Ventrice

Weekly Event:

***Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30am to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105***

***Women's' Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6pm-7pm,
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

***Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

***Bible Study with Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

Choir Rehearsal 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 11am-12 noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

***GREATER FAITH DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 3-6 7:30 PM NIGHTLY
GREATER HARVEST COGIC 64 BOSTON ROAD SPRINGFIELD MA***

***CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 10-13 7:00 PM NIGHTLY
GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER 126 ELM STREET WORCESTER MA***

***ANNUAL WORKERS MEETING MARCH 30 – APRIL 4, 7:30 PM NIGHTLY
(Formally SPRING CONFERENCE)
SPRING OF HOPE COGIC 35 ALDEN STREET SPRINGFIELD MA***

Scripture of The Month

***Luke 6:38 Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure,
pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men
give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete
withal it shall be measure to you again.++***