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HOW TO THINK

When does a believer need:

1. "WISDOM"
2. "KNOWLEDGE"
3. "UNDERSTANDING?"

What's the difference?

You need all three gifts, at different times, to solve different kinds of problems. These three gifts will produce the "TRUTH" for you, when you use them right, according to Bible patterns.

When I was recuperating from the fracture of the vertebra, cracked ribs, etc., early this year, I decided to redeem the time by finding the answers. After two intense months in Proverbs, here is what I found.

Forget the dictionary. We want to know what the writers of the Bible had in mind when they used the words. So we must study the Bible (not other works) to find the patterns of meanings.

You need to know that the outline for "SPIRIT" "SOUL" and "BODY" gives us the answer. Now whenever I seek the "TRUTH" about any situation I remember this outline.

"WISDOM" is affected by the "BODY."

"KNOWLEDGE" affects the "SOUL."

UNDERSTANDING' comes from the 'SPIRIT.

WISDOM KNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING

BODY SOUL SPIRIT

This is the new way that I pray now that I have seen the differences. "EL ELYON, Most High God, I come to you in the name of JESUS Christ. Please grant to me the WISDOM (ability to use my senses) to gather in the necessary facts and add them to the KNOWLEDGE in my SOUL (mind) so that I can unlock and release the UNDERSTANDING that you hid in my SPIRIT (heart) when I

was with you before the foundation of the world. Please direct me as I DIVIDE my UNDERSTANDING and apply the result to the needs of the kingdom of God, on the earth. Thank you."

A thought sometimes starts in the SOUL (mind) and then transfers over to SPIRITUAL (heart) thinking. Also, other times a thought originates in the SPIRIT (heart), comes forth, and then the SOUL (mind) applies the thought to the TEMPORAL world.

I have elected to describe the patterns to which the mass of scriptures align themselves. I intend to examine the few exceptions to the observed patterns (like above) with you at a later date.

WISDOM

WISDOM is the ability to tell (impart) the-"TRUTH" with the MOUTH (by implication, other methods of communication also, such as the pen). It is also the ability to receive the "TRUTH." WISDOM provides the ability to perceive "TRUTH" intellectually and/or experientially through the five classic senses, 1. see, 2. hear, 3. smell, 4 taste, and 5. feel. The etymology is, Strong's, 2451H, from RED, 2447, 2448, from MOUTH, 2441. WISDOM is from "RED" which is from "MOUTH." Also see from 2441 to 2454.

WISDOM is ability that operates in the "PHYSICAL - BODY" realm. WISDOM is from the Hebrew word " MOUTH" (a BODY part).

Handicapped people who have not developed all 5 classic senses, increase their WISDOM ability in their remaining senses. They often show more than normal WISDOM there.

WISDOM does not just mean "smart." It is NOT facts, KNOWLEDGE or "TRUTH." WISDOM is the ability to receive or impart those things. It is the ability to teach and/or learn. For example, WISDOM is the ability to read and write. WISDOM is also the ability to observe things and then use the discovered "TRUTH" to meet other **needs. Uneducated aborigines can demonstrate WISDOM**, by observation, without the ability to read and write.

WHY GET WISDOM?

"WISDOM is the principal (primary) thing; therefore get WISDOM: and with all thy getting get UNDERSTANDING." Proverbs 4:7

The purpose of WISDOM is to get UNDERSTANDING. Start with WISDOM to get UNDERSTANDING. UNDERSTANDING is our ultimate goal, not WISDOM.

UNDERSTANDING UNLOCKS PARABLES

JESUS had something to say about the importance of having UNDERSTANDING. Matthew 13:13, "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they UNDERSTAND.

13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and UNDERSTANDETH it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and UNDERSTANDETH it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

13:51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye UNDERSTOOD all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord."

In the matter of the parables of JESUS, the form of perception that is required is UNDERSTANDING. No one was told to exercise WISDOM or to demonstrate KNOWLEDGE of the parable. A person can KNOW a lot of things in their SOUL (mind) and still not perceive the meaning of the parables. In the crowd, there could have been men of great WISDOM, with advanced degrees in many fields, but still they may not have perceived the meaning of the parables. UNDERSTANDING is required in SPIRITUAL matters, like parables.

ADD KNOWLEDGE

The Bible uses two different arithmetic terms to describe two entirely different thought processes. KNOWLEDGE of "TRUTH" comes by ADDING but UNDERSTANDING of "TRUTH" comes by DIVIDING.

KNOWLEDGE is the "TRUTH" that is produced by gathering with the hand, that is, ADDING facts gathered by the SENSE realm. The etymology is Strong's 1847H, from 3027, from 3026, to gather (by the hand). Set Strong's 1843 to 1847.

KNOWLEDGE is for the SOUL (mind, SENSE realm). KNOWLEDGE is from the word "to reckon by ADDING facts." Reckon means to ADD. A person with KNOWLEDGE will ADD the results of observation and/or facts to each other in order to get to the solution - GOD.

INDUCTIVE REASONING

PRODUCES KNOWLEDGE FOR THE SOUL

Socrates, the famous Greek philosopher taught that the best way to think is to add the small KNOWN or observed parts together in order to find KNOWLEDGE of the whole "TRUTH" (solution). This is called INDUCTIVE REASONING. Sir Frances Bacon was a great proponent of INDUCTIVE REASONING, also called - BACONIAN INDUCTION and SCIENTIFIC APPROACH.

INDUCTIVE THINKING - an instance of reasoning or a conclusion from a part to a whole, from particulars to generals, or from the individual to the universal.

Our public schools usually teach us to use Baconian Induction to solve our thought process problems. As a result we become insensitive to "SPIRITUAL TRUTH." The Bible agrees that the ADDITIVE, INDUCTIVE, thought process will provide KNOWLEDGE for the SOUL in the temporal realm. Bull Bible patterns show that type of thinking will not produce the right answers in SPIRITUAL matters.

The man who is attempting to have SPIRITUAL thoughts has been taught, by our public schools, to use the wrong type of thought process, consequently, he is seldom successful.

For instance, a scientist or an engineer finds it very difficult to depart his regular natural (public school taught) process of INDUCTIVE reasoning in order to embrace DEDUCTIVE thought like a "SPIRITUAL" man. SPIRITUAL "TRUTH" comes from the process of DEDUCTIVE thought.

A natural man ADDS line upon line, precept upon precept, (INDUCTIVE THINKING) to find the KNOWLEDGE: of the "TRUTH." The prophet Isaiah described the INDUCTIVE SOUL (mind), ADDITIVE KNOWLEDGE process in Bible terms. Isaiah 28:13, "But the word of the LORD was unto them (the drunken priest and prophet) precept upon precept, precept upon precept; (INDUCTIVE THOUGHT) line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might get and fall backward, and be broken, and **snared, and taken.**"

Isaiah warned the people that INDUCTIVE thought when applied to SPIRITUAL matters would result in some gain and then a backward move to a wrong conclusion and failure.

DIVIDE UNDERSTANDING

Remember, the Bible uses two different arithmetic terms to describe two entirely different thought processes. UNDERSTANDING of "TRUTH" comes by DIVIDING but KNOWLEDGE of "TRUTH" comes by ADDING.

UNDERSTANDING is the "TRUTH" that you have always possessed. You received UNDERSTANDING when you received God's grace and His purposes, before the world began. But, you can't remember it because your SOUL and BODY weren't there. Your UNDERSTANDING of all "TRUTH" is locked up deep within your SPIRIT (heart). The etymology is Strong's, 995Ht 998, 3820, 7919, 7922, 3820.

Remember, the Bible says you preexisted the world. 11 Timothy 1:9, "According to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." Again remember, Phillipians 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world."

You UNDERSTAND deep within your SPIRIT (heart), the -purpose of God for your own life-. That's your script. But in your SOUL (mind) you don't have any idea of what your script says. That's because your SPIRIT was there, but your BODY and SOUL (mind) weren't. So you need WISDOM to gather the KNOWLEDGE to unlock the UNDERSTANDING that you have always had.

UNDERSTANDING is from the SPIRIT (heart). UNDERSTANDING is etymologically connected to 3820, which is also translated HEART. UNDERSTANDING is from Strong's 995, to separate (distinguish), to DIVIDE the whole into it's component parts.

UNDERSTANDING TRUTH

ARISTOTLE (another Greek philosopher) said that PLATO said the right way to think and come to "TRUTH" is to start with the answer and DIVIDE the answer into the component parts. This is called DEDUCTIVE reasoning. You may have noticed that Plato and Socrates did not agree on "HOW TO THINK."

UNDERSTANDING "TRUTH" is to think by DIVIDING. It starts with the answer, "GOD," and DIVIDES and DIVIDES until the component parts of the problem are apparent.

UNDERSTANDING "TRUTH" is DEDUCTIVE reasoning. DEDUCTIVE THINKING - reasoning by which concrete applications or consequences are deducted from general principles.

The Bible teaches us to use DEDUCTION to solve our SPIRITUAL problems. A SPIRITUAL man DIVIDES his UNDERSTANDING to apply the answer to the problem at hand. He does not start with the problem; he starts with the answer.

Some college level literature uses the terms OBJECTIVE and SUBJECTIVE for the Baconian terms INDUCTIVE and DEDUCTIVE. They're the same. Also, DEDUCTIVE (SUBJECTIVE) reasoning is sometimes referred to as, a gut feeling, or intuition.

INDUCTIVE VS. DEDUCTIVE

NATURAL THINKING IS INDUCTIVE

Here are three Bible words that are translated "think or thought." The Hebrew and Greek words for "THINK, THOUGHT" are easily traced etymologically to their arithmetic meanings. Regrettably, English speaking people do not have the concept that right thinking demands right arithmetic.

THINK, 1380G, DOKEO, DOKO, 1166, be accounted, (means ADD).

THINK, 3049G, LOGIZOMAI, 3056, count, number, reckon (means ADD).

THOUGHT, 2142H, CHASHAB, account, count (means ADD).

Natural INDUCTIVE thinking takes place in the SOUL (mind) by adding facts to each other in order to produce SOUL KNOWLEDGE.

ADD NOT

JESUS told us to not use ADDITIVE INDUCTIVE reasoning in SPIRITUAL matters. MATTHEW 3:9, "And THINK (1380G., DOKEO) not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

When JESUS used the word "THINK" (DOKEO, 1380G, ADD) in that passage, He said, "And ADD NOT to say ... " Don't think that way. 11 will lead you wrong. Don't use ADDITIVE thought processes in SPIRITUAL matters. You'll goof if you do.

INDUCTIVE VS. DEDUCTIVE

SPIRITUAL THINKING IS DEDUCTIVE

Here are four more Bible words that are also translated "THINK, THOUGHT." But, these words do not mean "ADD" as the other three did. They mean "DIVIDE."

THINK* 3543G, NOMIZO, 3551, parcel out food, (means DIVIDE).

THINK* 22330, ZERA, seeds (means DIVIDE).

THOUGHT, 995H, to separate (means DIVIDE).

THOUGHT, 8176H, to split open (means DIVIDE).

SPIRITUAL thinking takes place in the SPIRIT (heart) by starting with the answers God, and DIVIDING in order to come to the problem. SPIRITUAL thinking brings the big answer to smaller problems.

Matthew 5:179 "THINK NOT" (3543G., parcel out not -DIVIDE not) that I am come to destroy the laws or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

When you apply the "SPIRITUAL" thought process to the ministry of JESUS, don't DIVIDE with your SOUL. When you try to DIVIDE in your SOUL, you'll get a wrong answer. DIVIDING is not for your SOUL; it's for your SPIRIT.

Paul also had something to say about DIVIDING. 11 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly DIVIDING the word of truth." And Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the DIVIDING asunder of SOUL and SPIRIT, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Paul thought that DIVIDING was best.

A GOOD PRAYER OF DIVISION

Here is the right way to start with the answer and divide to the problem. Matthew 6:9 - 13, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the powers and the glory, for ever. Amen."

This prayer starts with the answer, our Father. It works toward the problems, bread, debts, temptation, evil. JESUS taught us the above prayer, so it must be right. The "LORD'S PRAYER"

is a perfect example of DEDUCTIVE SPIRIT (heart) UNDERSTANDING (thought process by DIVIDING the answer until you get to the problem).

A BAD PRAYER OF ADDITION

Here is an example of the wrong way to think when you pray. "Oh God, keep me from evil and don't let me be tempted. I'll forgive people their debits if you'll forgive me. Give me bread to eat and gas for the car. Please bless me. Set up your kingdom. Your sacred name makes you my heavenly father." This is NOT the way JESUS taught us to pray. This is INDUCTIVE SOUL (mind) thinking because it starts with the problem, (Me!) and ends with the answers God.

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

For example, (not a true story) our friend Mr. Weakbody was told he has cancer. He asked us to pray for him and his Doctor. Our prayer goes something like this. (Start with the prayer on P1) Please heal Mr. Weakbody using any technique You want. Naturally we prefer an instantaneous "dunamos" healing, but we will be happy with "therapueo" or any other kind. If You have chosen surgery, then we pray for Dr. Smartman. Please give him the WISDOM to gather every one of the facts, in his examination, so he has complete and perfect KNOWLEDGE of Mr. Weakbody. Please give Dr. Smartman the WISDOM to ADD the KNOWLEDGE of Mr. Weakbody to the vast storehouse of KNOWLEDGE Dr. Smartman learned in school and in practice. Please cause the combined KNOWLEDGE possessed by Dr. Smartman to release his UNDERSTANDING and DIVIDE it so he can apply the appropriate parts of his UNDERSTANDING to Mr. Weakbody. Please guide Dr. Smartman as he removes the offense in Mr. Weakbody. We ask You, ELYON, Most High God, to heal and restore Mr. Weakbody. Strengthen him until he is called, Swartzenager. (Or if you are in my generation, called Charles Atlas.)