

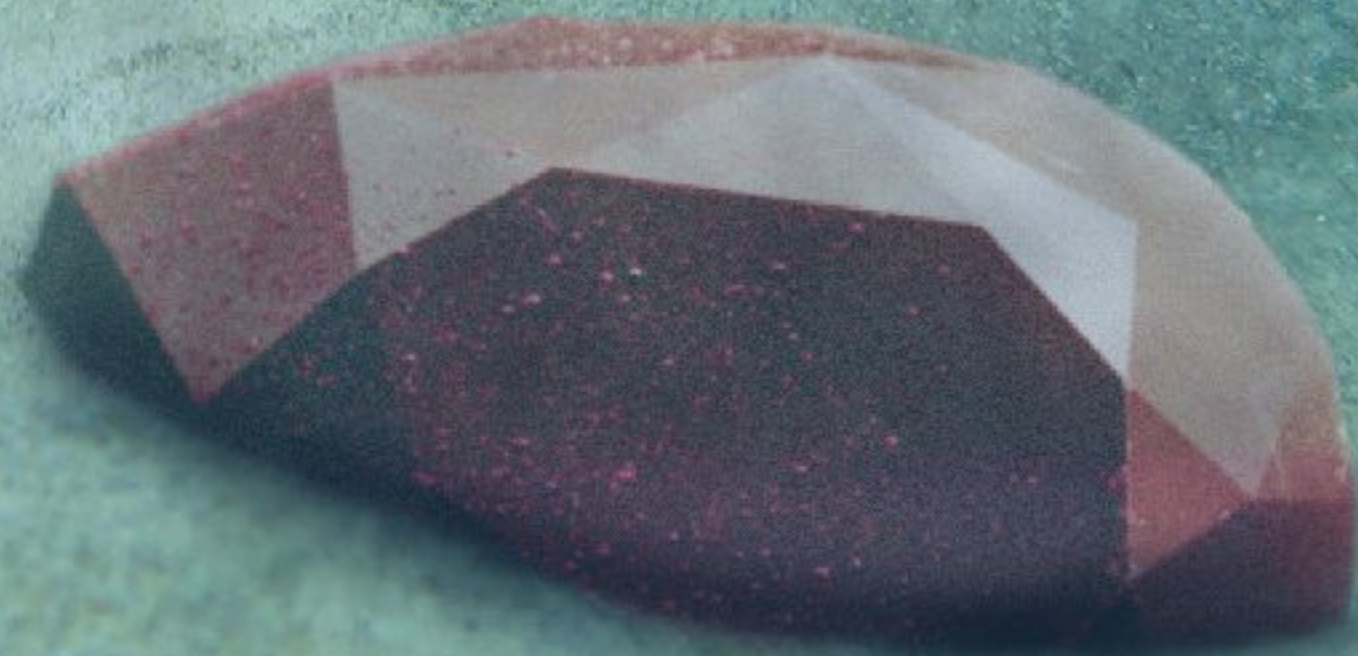
TRUE RICHES

TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE




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So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with **true riches?**



Luke 16:11

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Colossians 2:2-3

Oh, **the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11:33-36

Riches of Revelation

“Wisdom”



**Not the wisdom of this world
but the Wisdom of God**



Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him,** God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 1:20-25


Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but **not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age**, who are coming to nothing. No, **we declare God's wisdom**, a mystery that has been hidden and **that God destined for our glory before time began**. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him— **these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.**

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1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— **the Spirit of wisdom** and of **understanding**, the **Spirit of counsel** and of **might**, the **Spirit of the knowledge** and **fear of the Lord**—



Isaiah 11:2


Who is wise and understanding among you? **Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.** But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. **Such "wisdom"** does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:13-18

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:13-18

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR

1. **God's wisdom starts by us seeking to know God and His Son Jesus**
 2. **Wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Jesus**
 3. **They were destined for our glory - He means for us to have them**
 4. **The Holy Spirit loves to share them with diligent seekers**
 5. **God's Wisdom manifests practically in the way we live**
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“Pursue Wisdom”



Then he taught me, and he said to me, Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. **Get wisdom,** get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. **Do not forsake wisdom,** and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: **Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.** Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown."

Proverbs 4:4-9

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? At **the highest point** along the way, **where the paths meet**, she takes her stand; **beside the gate** leading into the city, **at the entrance**, she cries aloud: "To you, O people, I call out; **I raise my voice to all mankind**. You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.

Proverbs 8:1-11

Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge. **Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.**

Proverbs 8:1-11

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. **My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.** I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Proverbs 8:17-21

If any of you **lacks wisdom, you should ask God,** who gives generously to all without finding fault, **and it will be given to you.** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.


James 1:5-7

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“Knowledge”



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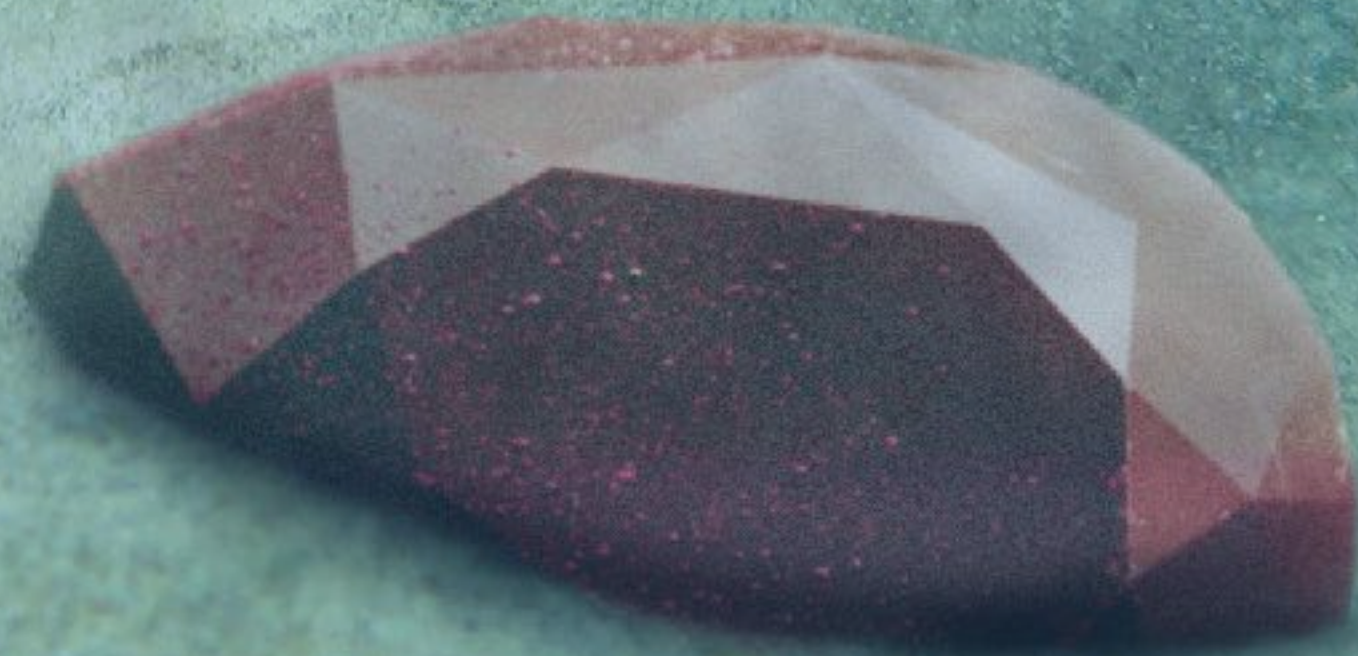
Colossians 2:2-3

Now this is **eternal life: that they know you,** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.



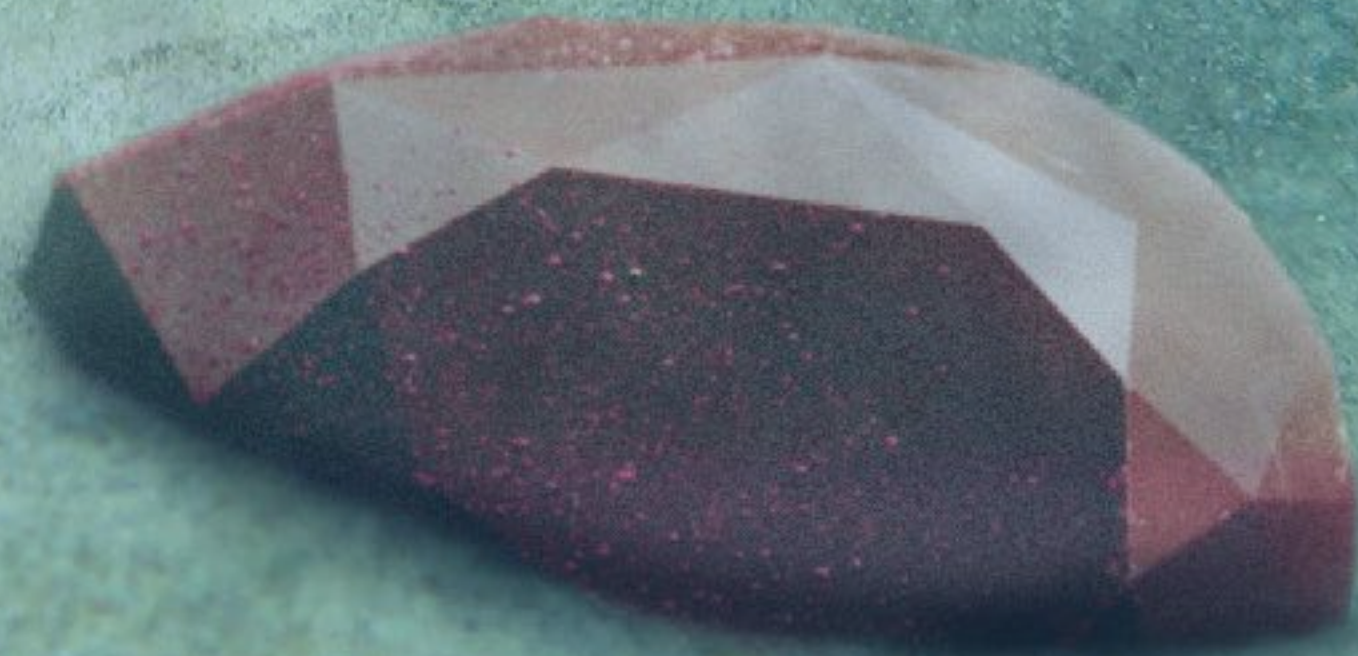
John 17:3

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Proverbs 8:10

Make growing in knowledge a persistent prayer



God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And **this is my prayer:** that your love **may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,




Philippians 1:8-10

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, **we have not stopped praying for you.** We continually ask God to **fill you with the knowledge** of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, **growing in the knowledge of God.**

Colossians 1:9-10

I have not stopped giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so
that you may know him better.



Ephesians 1:16-17

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being **ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2 Peter 1:5-8

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