

Can We Chat?



The Bible - Part VII

"We don't know what we don't know"

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Topic: The Nature of God

Key thought:

It's a **BIG MISTAKE**... to believe God does not make Himself known.

God speaks to us in 4 different ways:

1. Bible
2. Holy Spirit
3. Wisdom
4. Vision

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The Holy Spirit:

- **John 14:15-19**-Jesus introduces his disciples to the person of the Holy Spirit.
John 14:15a "If you love me..."
John 14:15b "...you will keep my commandments."
John 14:16 "...another helper... the Spirit of truth."
- **John 14:26 & 16:8**-Jesus tells them how the Holy Spirit will work in them.
John 14:26a "...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name..."
"Paraclete" = Speaks on behalf of, represents in authority...
John 14: 26b "...he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."
John 16:8 "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment..."
John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

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Wisdom: (I Kings 12:1-20)

What does the Bible say about wisdom?

- a. Wisdom is actively guiding my future. *Proverbs 24:13-14*
- b. Wisdom begins with a right understanding of God in my life. *Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 15:33. Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God!"*
- c. Wisdom is defined as – (the right application of knowledge) *Proverbs 3:5-7, II Corinthians 10:3-5*
- d. Wisdom is ever-present if I will seek to discern it. *Proverbs 1:7-33*
- e. Wisdom is often passed on from others. *Proverbs 4:11, Proverbs 5:1-2, Proverbs 10:13*
- f. Wisdom is not found with just anyone. *Proverbs 10:31, Psalm 37:30-31*
 1. They are farther down the road of success than you are.
 2. They have shown they are wiser than others you could ask.
 3. Anyone is capable of being wise – some have done more with the opportunity than others.

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Vision: (Nehemiah 6:1-4)

As God's Word informs me, I can describe my vision of His best for me, in the following areas:

- healthy, strong mature walk with God/singleness (*All are single individuals as we walk with Christ.*)
- healthy, clean heart and mind
- healthy marriage
- healthy relationship with children
- healthy career choices (interests, talents, strengths - *opportunities*)
- healthy finances
- healthy friendship

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