

Wisdom in our walk, work, and worship

We cannot acquire wisdom without first gaining knowledge. Knowledge comes from reading, learning, memorizing, and experiencing life's situations. Knowledge is the "how to" facts we gather. 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ..." Wisdom is



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therefore the ability to apply the knowledge we have attained and use it in the best way. To discern what is true and right and judge the "who, what, where, and when" of the said knowledge. We can have lots of knowledge or book smarts but no wisdom or common sense to connect them. As Christians, we gain knowledge from the Word of God and God grants wisdom to help us apply it for our walk, work, and worship of Him.

Solomon was a man who could have asked God for anything he desired. He didn't ask for any personal gain for himself. He chose to ask for wisdom to better guide the people and make good and right decisions (1 Kings 3:1-5). Solomon begins the Book of Proverbs in Chapter 1 where he addresses the importance of wisdom (Proverbs 1:1-7). Chapter 2, verse 6, "For the Lord gives wisdom: out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 4:5-7 advises us to get wisdom, get under-

standing, and don't forget it as it is the principal thing. Proverbs 9:10 says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. The value of wisdom is found in Proverbs 16:16, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get an understanding rather than to choose silver!" Ecclesiastes 7:12 tells us wisdom and money are both a defense but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

Wisdom in our walk: David began the Book of Psalms speaking about our walk. He writes that man should not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful if one wants to be blessed. One should delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on it day and night. He wrote in Psalm 128:1 that we are blessed if we walk in the ways of the Lord. Jesus says in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Paul told us in Galatians 5:16 to walk in the Spirit, and we would not fulfill the lust of our flesh. Again he says in Ephesians 5:15 to walk circumspectly (cautiously, considering the risks), not as fools, but wisely. 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His

Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Wisdom in our work: James exhorts us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only (James 1:22). Solomon stated in Proverbs 16:3 that we are to commit our works unto the Lord and our thoughts would be established (stable, sound-minded, secure). Ecclesiastes 9:10 reminds us that whatever we put our hand to, to do it with all our might. Paul also writes in Colossians 3:23 that whatsoever we do, do it heartily (with sincerity, enthusiasm, and devotion) as to the Lord and not unto men.

Wisdom in our worship: Psalm 29:2, "Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalm 95:6, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalm 150:6, "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Jesus recites, "God is Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

With all this knowledge, how will we then apply it with wisdom in our walk, work, and worship? Just as Solomon did, let us seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near (Isaiah 55:6). Then, we can make wise choices!

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Knowing God, Part 2

The basis for our devotion today will be taken from Psalm 81:10-16.

All people want to be known and understood. Most of us enjoy being in a surrounding where our name is associated with our face, where we are known, and we have friends. This also applies to how God views our relationship with Him. While He knows our every thought and can number the hairs on our head, we also should be learning His ways — in other words, how our Father thinks, what motivates Him, and what His plan and purpose is.

Yet, though we desire to know God's mind, He makes it quite clear, humanly speaking, that is impossible. In Isaiah 55:9, He tells us, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than

your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." This is why He gives us His Spirit — to teach us and reveal what we otherwise couldn't understand. 1 Cor. 2:11, "For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God." V. 12, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the



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world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." V. 13, "which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Growing in this spiritual understanding is necessary if we are to have a relationship with God. In Jer. 24:7, God said, "I will give them a

heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart."

We must know His ways before we can walk in them. Ex. 33:13, "Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, and I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people." Of course, following Jesus does not eliminate pain, nor does it ensure that everything will happen as we would choose. But we have assurance that He loves us and has a plan for our lives. He gives us strength and stability to follow Him, no matter where His path may lead us.

As we walk in God's way, He gives us everything we need to have the abundant life Scripture promises. He's a loving Father to bestow such goodness and kindness on His children.

The liturgical celebration

What is Jewish in the Catholic Church?

The short answer is a lot. Jesus was Jewish as well as Joseph and Mary. Their friends, relatives, temple, town, were all Jewish. This is why the Church looks much like what the early Christians saw when they celebrated the Mass. Here are some of what we have used since the beginning: altar, priest, robes, tabernacle (ark), sanctuary light, oils, water, Old Testament, and the New Testament (later).

"The liturgical celebration involves signs and symbols relating to creation (candles, water, fire), human life (washing, anointing, breaking bread), and the history of salvation (the rites of the Passover). Integrated into the world of faith and taken up by the power of the Holy Spirit, those cosmic elements, human rituals, and gestures of remembrance of God become bearers of the saving and sanctifying action of Christ." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #1189



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"The Catholic Church in

the course of the year, unfolds the whole mystery of Christ from His Incarnation and Nativity through His Ascension, to Pentecost and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord." CCC #1194 "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant and makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." CCC 1330.

Want to enter the Heavenly liturgy (Revelation) like the apostles and the first Christians of the Church? Join us this Sunday! Kumbaya! dale54@live.com.

AG's office launches tool highlighting local drug investment

Attorney General Russell Coleman recently announced the launch of an online dashboard so all Kentuckians can access where and how opioid abatement funds are spent at the state and local levels.

Created in partnership with the University of Kentucky Rapid Actionable Data for Response (RADOR), information is now accessible to the public with a few clicks. The Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission unveiled the new dashboard, which is housed on its website, at the Commission's July meeting.

"Across Kentucky, communities are investing in the three legged stool of pre-

vention, treatment and enforcement efforts to combat the drug crisis and to save lives. Now, every Kentuckian can see how these resources are being invested to promote best practices, innovative ideas and — above all — hope," said Attorney General Coleman.

"This is the first time we can accurately show what resources are coming into Kentucky to battle the opioid epidemic and how they are being used. This information will allow Kentuckians to maximize the opportunity we have before us to save lives and change the trajectory of substance misuse in the Commonwealth," said Christopher Evans, Director

of Kentucky's Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.

In July 2025, the Commission launched an online portal for local governments to report how settlement dollars are being used across Kentucky. Each community receiving funds must, under Kentucky law, report annually how much money they receive, what is spent, and what is being done with the money. Reports must be submitted by August 31, detailing spending during

the previous fiscal year.

The dashboard takes reporting from local governments, as well as reporting from the state grant funding, and makes it accessible to the public. Data on the dashboard will be updated at regular intervals and new functionalities will develop over the next several months.

"The RADOR team, within the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, is dedicated to help-

ing our state partners improve how they capture, understand, and share data. Our partners within the Commission have demonstrated a strong commitment to transparency, working with us every step of the way

to ensure that the dashboard is accurate, easy-to-understand, and useful," said Dr. Lindsey Hammerslag, assistant professor in the University of Kentucky College of Public Health Department of Biostatistics.



LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BID

The Grayson County Fiscal Court requests bids on the following item. Bids must be received in the office of the Grayson County Judge/Executive, 130 E Market Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754. All bids must be received by 1:00 P.M., ET, 12:00 P.M., CT, on August 7, 2026, at which time bids will be opened in the Fiscal Court Meeting Room, Grayson County Government Annex at the same address. Bids must be in sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bid for GRAYSON COUNTY PAVEMENT RESTORATION-RIDGECREST DRIVE)", the date and time that the bid is to be opened, prominently displayed on the front of the envelope.

GRAYSON COUNTY PAVEMENT RESTORATION-RIDGECREST DRIVE

For additional information, contact Charlie Allen, Project Engineer, at callen@civilcondsb.com or Judge Kevin Henderson, County Judge Executive, at judge@graysoncountky.org. The right is reserved to accept or reject all or any part of any bid and to waive any informality in any bid.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE
JULY 21, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.
GRAYSON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY

GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00038

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
v.
RUTH CONSTANT-RETZLAFF, et al

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT

By virtue of an Order entered on May 6, 2026 and Order Rescheduling entered June 11, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on July 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate as set forth below, per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all documents necessary to qualify to bid. Failure to verify the sufficiency of your down payment and your surety or letter of credit prior to the commencement of the Master Commissioner sales on this sale date will result in the Master Commissioner refusing your bid.

Property Address: 72 Kefauver Road, Millwood, Kentucky 42762
Parcel Identification Number: 00M-10-00-003
Judgment Amount: \$211,885.59
Interest Rate: 7.375%
Appraisal: \$ 95,000.00

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount set forth above, plus interest and costs as set forth in the Judgment. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. The Master Commissioner makes no warranties concerning the title or to the condition of the property. This property is being sold as is. The property will be sold free of the liens of all the parties hereto and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record. This property is being sold subject to the right of redemption in favor of the property owner under KRS §426.530.

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LEGAL NOTICE

I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Court, hereby give notice that administration has been granted in the Estates named below. All persons having claims against these estates shall present them verified, according to the law to the administrator or executor as named below at the address as shown no later than six (6) months after the date of this publication.

ESTATE OF: Leland A. Miller, 401Conklin Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754: FIDUCIARY: Harold Miller, 401 Conklin Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754 : FIDUCIARY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754

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