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WISDOM AND PRUDENCE

Hosea 14:9 says (NKJV), ***“Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent (discerning)? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD (Jehovah) are right. The righteous walk (live in them...)”***

This verse is about living (walking) in the right ways (righteousness) of Almighty God. It speaks of wisdom (understanding, making right choices) and prudence (discernment, to separate or distinguish mentally the right from the wrong).

How do we get this wisdom and prudence (discernment)? Our wisdom comes from the Father Himself. He imparts it to us by His Holy Spirit as we read His word and as we ask for it.

Prudence (discerning right from wrong) also comes by the written word (the Bible), the logos which is the eternal and universal word of God. We also have the living word, the logos, in Jesus.

We have the Holy Spirit to teach us understanding of the word which brings us the wisdom from our Father via the logos.

The discerning of the word comes by the Holy Spirit applying a portion of the logos (written word, living word) to us individually. This opens our understanding (wisdom) to a particular application to help our understanding for certain purposes. That is called a rhema word.

Between the logos (written word) and the rhema (enlightened word), we are equipped to walk in the righteousness of God day by day.

We must not rely on our own understanding, or reasoning. We must lean on the logos (written word) and the rhema (enlightened revelation of the word) from God.