

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-8 ... by Billy*

- In describing God we would have to say that He is not only all-knowing but that He also perfectly demonstrates His knowledge with acts of goodness.
- Man knows only in part and often we fail to apply what we have come to understand even though we may be in complete agreement with it. (*Rom.2:18 NLT*)
- We can learn reams of theology and know all there is to know about God but application of what we have learned is the real test of character.
- So then wisdom can be defined as the right application of knowledge.
- Zhodiaties describes wisdom as follows: 'knowing how to regulate our relationship with God and to regulate our response to trying circumstances as a result of a harmonious relationship with Him.'
- The universal recognition of the worth of wisdom is explained (*Prov.3:13-18*).
- The proceeds of finding wisdom are more desirable than the richest treasures as there is a pleasantness and a peacefulness along the path of wisdom.
- The scripture teaches us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- As we yield ourselves to the will and purpose of God as revealed in the Bible we will grow in wisdom.
- "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples.." (*Deut 4:6*)
- The word of wisdom can bypass man's effort to investigate and enquire.
- This does not mean that normal evaluation is somehow suspect; after all, we are commanded to be skilled in the word of righteousness so that we will be able to discern good from evil. (*Heb.5:13-14*).
- But there is wisdom that is given by the Spirit for the profit of all. (*1 Cor.12:7*).
- The church is gathered together and when the utterance is given it is recognised immediately as being from the Lord by those who have ears to hear.
- The most likely interpretation of the passage in *1 Cor.12:8* is that there are those in the church who have received a gift from God that enables them to respond to a specific dilemma with scriptural wisdom.
- It is not just that they have a biblical understanding about an issue, or that they are themselves experienced in some field or other.
- They are given insight from the Lord about the matter that leads to a solution.

**WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES****Events /Notices**

- ▶ The women from the new Tiglin centre in Brittas Bay will be sharing in the church tomorrow. Please bring some refreshments for afterwards..

**Extra Services**

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

▶ *Crèche and Pre-school Praise*

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ *Sunday School*

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ *Tea and Coffee*

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).