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Pv. 107:43, “Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.”

The Hebrew word for *wise* is **chacham** which means *one who is skilled, shrewd, discerning or full of wisdom*. It is interesting to see the progression of this passage because it demonstrates not only the wisdom of a person, but also the outcome of that wisdom. The only true means of gaining wisdom is from the source of all wisdom; the LORD Himself. This is the perfect picture of the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge knows the facts, but many times fails to be able to incorporate those facts into action. Wisdom understands not only the knowledge, but then realizes the Giver of that knowledge and what He expects of it.

There was no clearer picture of that to me than back in my Seminary days. I had some amazing professors who certainly knew the knowledge that they were disseminating but seemed to lack the purpose of that knowledge. Now I am not suggesting that they didn't know the Giver of truth, but there were some godly men that I sat under that not only taught the facts of the Word, but it was evident that they understood and walked with the Giver of Life. It was in their classes that I began to understand that I didn't just want knowledge, I desired the wisdom of God.

The greatest understanding for me was to realize that wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective. When we look at things like He does, we begin to really understand the things that matter and the things that don't. And, because everything that the LORD does is based on His great love for us, it shows me that the wisest thing I can do is love like He loves. His love is not just spoken, but shared. Let's make sure we share His love with people all around us.

Dear LORD, You are all wisdom. Help us to begin to see people from Your perspective. We see humans, You see souls. We see numbers, You see every single life. Help us to be wise. In Jesus Name, Amen.