

# Trying to Outsmart God

A man asked God, "What does a billion dollars mean to You who are all-powerful?"

"Hardly a penny," God said.

Then the man asked God, "And what are a thousand centuries to you?"

God answered, "Hardly a second!"

Thinking he had God backed into a corner, the man then said, "Then if that's the case, O Lord, give me a penny!"

"Sure," God replied. "In just a minute."

Wisdom isn't outsmarting God. Wisdom is living in and with God. Wisdom is being in Jesus Christ and being surrounded by Christ. Wisdom is eating and drinking from the feast which God has prepared for us.

Wisdom is defined by *Merriam-Webster* as the "ability to discern inner qualities and relationships; good sense; accumulated philosophical or scientific learning; a wise attitude, belief or course of action."



But it's more than that.

The best source of wisdom, of course, is the Word of God.

Do you sometimes find yourself in a situation or circumstance in which you do not know what to do? Try this: *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him* (James 1:5 ESV).

What an amazing and comforting promise!

And this advice: *Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed* (Proverbs 3:13-18 ESV).

Wisdom, then, is much to be desired.

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