

ACT WISELY IN A SENSELESS WORLD

Note to the speaker:

Help your audience to see how valuable it is to acquire divine wisdom and how significant it is to use godly wisdom in our lives. Stress the blessings that result from safeguarding divine wisdom

WE LIVE IN A SENSELESS WORLD (5 min.)

World boasts of great knowledge, material progress, advanced technology

However, spiritually and morally it plunges deeper and deeper into a morass of ungodliness (2Ti 3:1, 13)

Though supposedly enlightened, world acts senselessly in many ways

Talks of peace, but still maintains deadly armaments (*g04 3/8 3-9*)

Terrorism darkens the lives of millions (*g 6/06 3-6*)

Sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancies abound (*g05 12/22 11; g05 8/8 29; g04 10/8 4-7, 28; g04 5/22 11-12*)

There is a wave of drug abuse (Eph 4:17-19; *g03 4/8 3; g99 11/8 3-7; g99 7/8 6-7*)

Churches back factions in war, clergy are charged in genocide, priests sexually exploit young people and church covers it up (*kp 3*)

Pursuit of materialism leads to “senseless and hurtful desires” (1Ti 6:9)

Values are distorted (*g03 6/8 3-9*)

How can we act wisely in such a senseless environment?

WE MUST TURN TO SOURCE OF TRUE WISDOM (10 min.)

Jehovah is Source of true wisdom (Pr 2:6)

He views world’s wisdom and reasonings, which run counter to his, as foolish and futile (1Co 3:19, 20)

Reading the Bible daily, meditating on it, and applying its counsel will help us benefit from God’s wisdom (Jos 1:7, 8; Ps 1:1, 2)

God’s Word can make us wise for salvation and equip us for every good work (2Ti 3:15-17)

It guides us in way we should go (Isa 30:21; *w03 2/15 31*)

Bringing our life into harmony with God’s will and ways is the wise course to take (Isa 48:17, 18)

Jehovah’s standards always promote the highest good for those who follow them

Godly wisdom is a gift from Jehovah and should be safeguarded (Pr 3:21)

Applying divine wisdom, we can have a better life now and “get a firm hold on the real life” (1Ti 6:19)

ACTING ON COUNSEL OF GOD’S WORD IS COURSE OF WISDOM (20 min.)

To embrace Jehovah’s wisdom, we must get sense of what we read and act upon it (Pr 2:2-5; Jas 1:22-25)

Should heed counsel to keep uncontaminated by remaining separate from the world (Jas 1:27)

Remain neutral in all worldly affairs (Joh 17:14)

Refrain from doing what is bad; pursue peace (Ro 12:9, 18; 1Pe 3:11)

Allow no place in lives for hatred, greediness, shameful conduct, obscene jesting (Pr 10:12; 1Co 6:9-11; Eph 5:3-5; 1Jo 3:15)

Following counsel of God’s Word is a protection (Ec 7:12)

Enables us to turn away from ‘empty speeches and falsely called knowledge’ (1Ti 6:20, 21)

Helps us avoid path of immorality and shame and protects us from sexually transmitted diseases, illegitimate pregnancies, and the heartache that accompanies these (Pr 5:1-14)

Keeps us separate from political controversies that often result in violence and harm (Joh 17:16; Jas 4:4; *w02 11/1 14-19*)

Frees us from anxiety, allowing us to practice godly devotion with contentment (Mt 13:22; Tit 2:11-14; Heb 13:5)

Helps us avoid problems, pitfalls, and the calamity soon to befall this senseless world (Pr 22:3)

Prevents us from following men, thus avoiding tragedy (Mt 15:14; *w04 1/15 3-7*)

Failure to heed Jehovah’s direction and warnings will lead to calamity (*w03 1/1 8-11*)

We can act wisely in senseless world only if we follow Bible counsel (Ps 32:8; *w03 7/15 21-3*)

URGENT NOW TO ACT WISELY (10 min.)

End of senseless world draws near (1Co 7:29; 1Pe 4:7; *w03 12/15 14-19; w00 1/15 12-14*)

Will Jehovah find us acting wisely and in line for survival into his new system? (2Pe 3:11-14)

Wise course is to take stand on Jehovah’s side, uphold his sovereignty, and find refuge in his name (Pr 18:10; 27:11)

Keep Kingdom interests first (Mt 6:33)

Youths, learn skills that will help to sustain you in sacred service (*w05* 10/1 30-1)

Limit business and recreational pursuits (1Ti 4:8; 2Ti 2:3, 4; *w06* 3/1 17-21; *w06* 2/1 6)

Continue to reject ungodliness in every aspect of life (1Pe 4:3)

Shun violent sports, immoral entertainment, and overindulgence in alcohol

Avoid such worldly traits as jealousy, contentiousness, bragging, and lying (Jas 3:13-15)

Keep pursuing peace (Heb 12:14)

By fearing Jehovah and acquiring wisdom, we will avoid destruction and ruin with the foolish and senseless world (Pr 3:13-18; 4:7)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on)

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