

The Wheel of Wisdom



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Role Play

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“The Three Friends”

Role Play Discovery Questions



- What did you see in the role play?
- What was the problem? What did the characters lack?
- Were the characters balanced?
- How do we achieve balance in our lives?



Key Verse: Psalm 111:10

**“The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have
good understanding.
To Him belongs eternal praise.”**

Key Verse

Discovery Questions



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- Who is the source of wisdom?
- What do people understand who follow God's precepts?
- In which areas of life should we follow His instructions?



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Three Primary Relationships

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- Gen. 1:26a
- Gen. 2:8
- Gen. 2:18

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- Gen. 1:26a - Man with God
- Gen. 2:8 - Man with Creation
- Gen. 2:18 - Man with Man

Primary Relationships and Primary Colors

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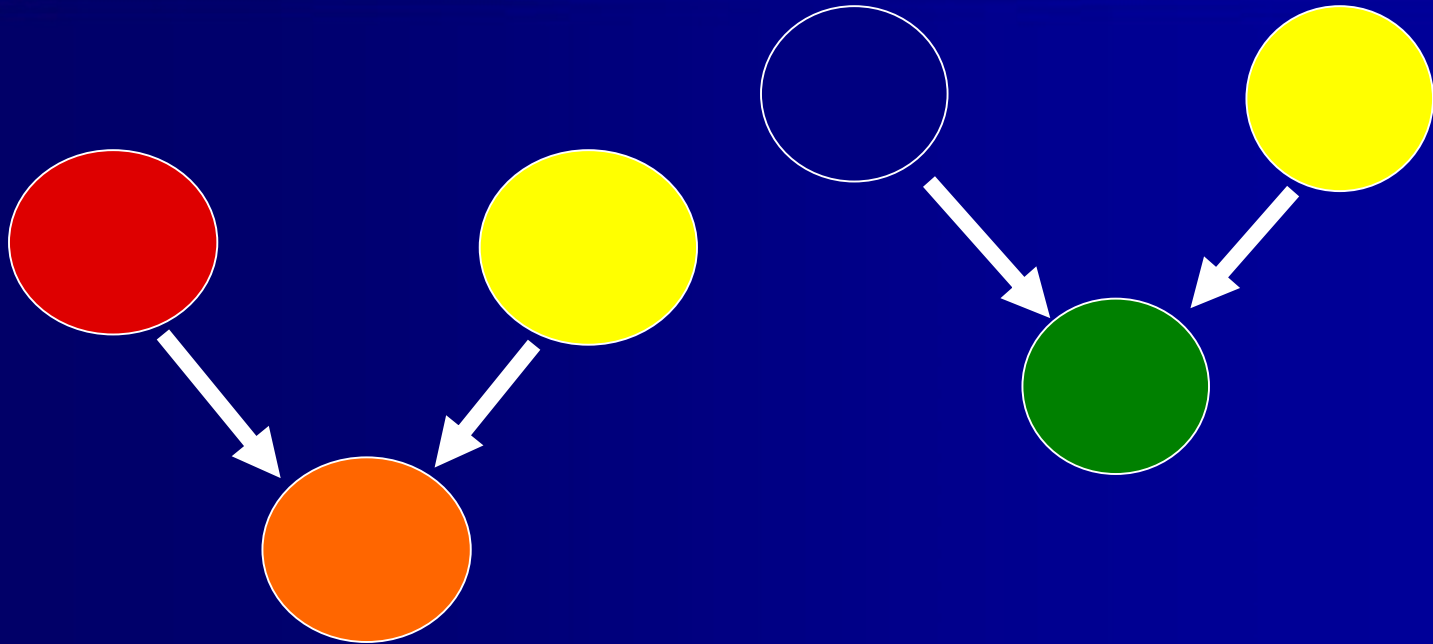
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Yellow

Blue



Primary Colors Mixed





Three Primary Relationships

Gen. 1:26a, Gen. 2:8, Gen. 2:18

- What are some **examples** of each of these three primary relationships – spiritual, physical, and social?
- How would you **define** them?
For example: social relationships are our relationships with _____?



Examples of Each of These Three Primary Relationships

- **Spiritual**
 - **Trinity, Church, Satan**
- **Physical**
 - **Bodies, Animals, Earth, Time**
- **Social**
 - **Family, Neighbors, Government**

Definitions of Our Primary Relationships



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- Social Relationships:
interactions with other people
- Spiritual Relationships:
interactions with God and the spiritual world
- Physical Relationships:
interactions with the material creation

Our Responsibilities and Roles in These Relationships

God put us in relationship with His creation for a purpose.

What responsibilities did He give us in each of these relationships?

- Spiritually
- Socially
- Physically



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**Which of the
four areas of Jesus' growth
missing from these
three relationships?**



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**What is “wisdom”
and what is its association with
the primary relationships?**



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What is Wisdom?

1) *Psalms 111:10*

Prov. 2:5

I Cor. 1:23-24

James 3:13,17

How is obedience related to wisdom?

What are observable characteristics of wisdom in our lives?



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Where Can We Find Wisdom?

1) *Ps. 119:97-100*

Prov. 2:6

II Tim. 3:16

I Cor. 2:6-7,12-13

Where does wisdom come from?

Why is it important to acquire wisdom?

What Does Wisdom Give?



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1) *Prov. 2:9-12*

Prov. 3:1-2

Prov. 4: 5-7

Col. 1:9-12

Deut. 28:2-6

Deut. 30:15-16

What is the value of wisdom?

What is the requirement for receiving these benefits?



What is Wisdom?

**Summarize these passages in
your own words:**

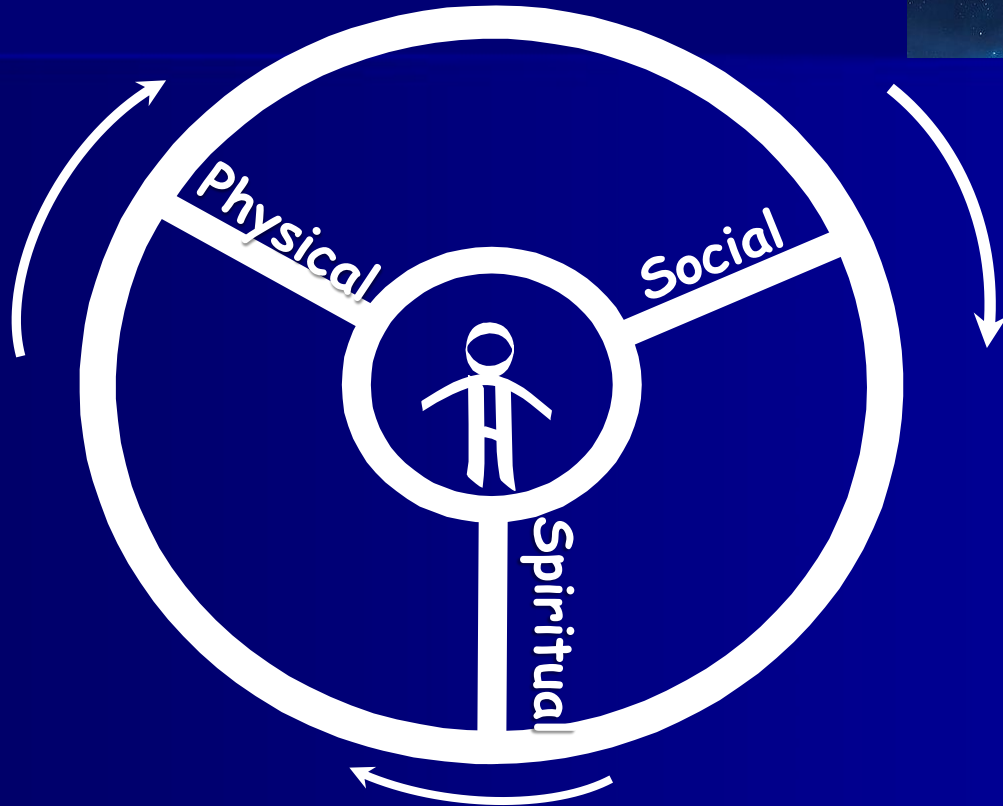
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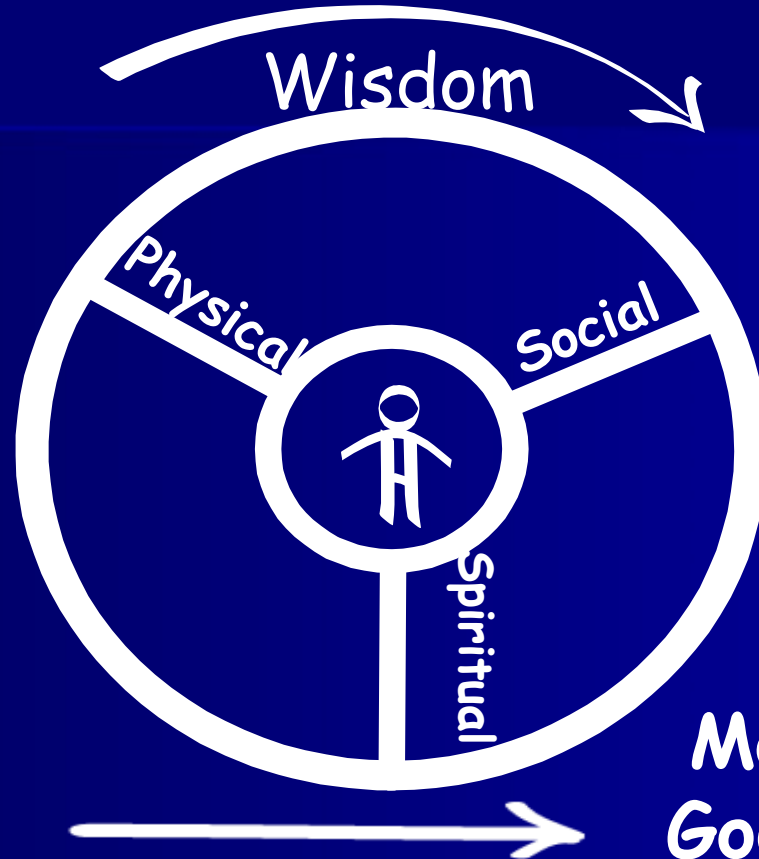
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**What is the connection
between wisdom and the
three primary relationships
God gave us?**

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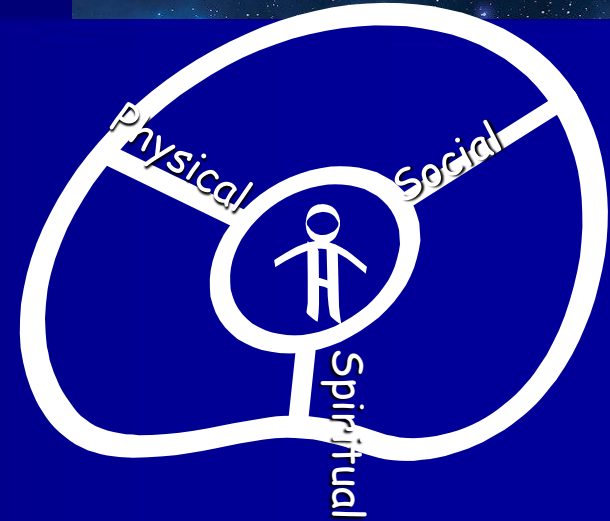
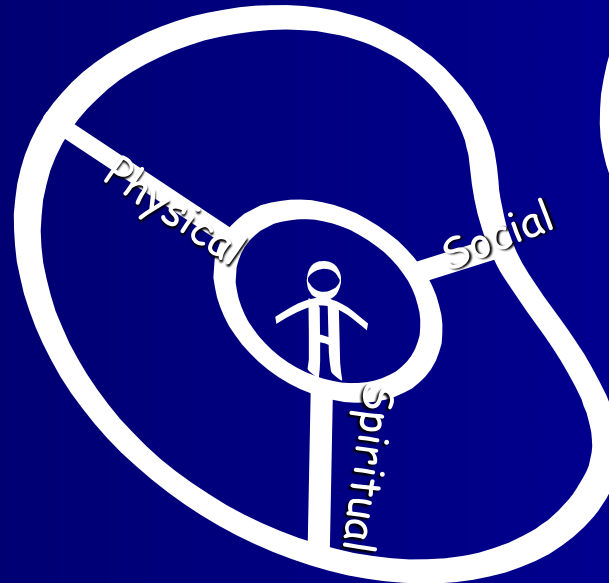
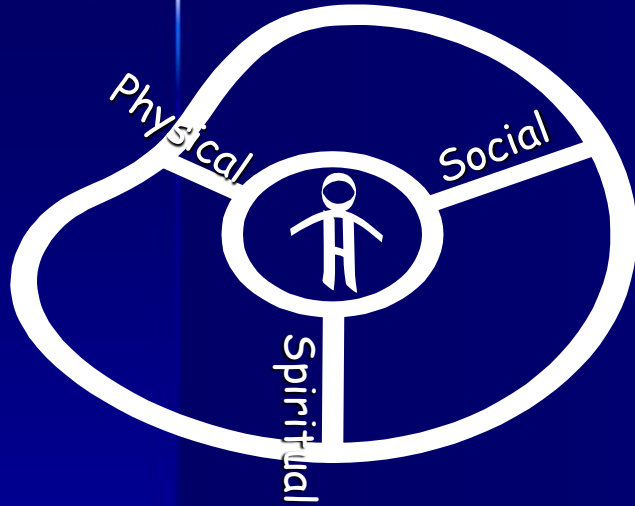


Moving toward
God's intentions₂



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What is Wrong with These?



An Unbalanced Wheel



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- What is the effect on the wheel when one spoke is weak, broken or missing?
- What happens to a wheel's movement when its rim is damaged or missing?



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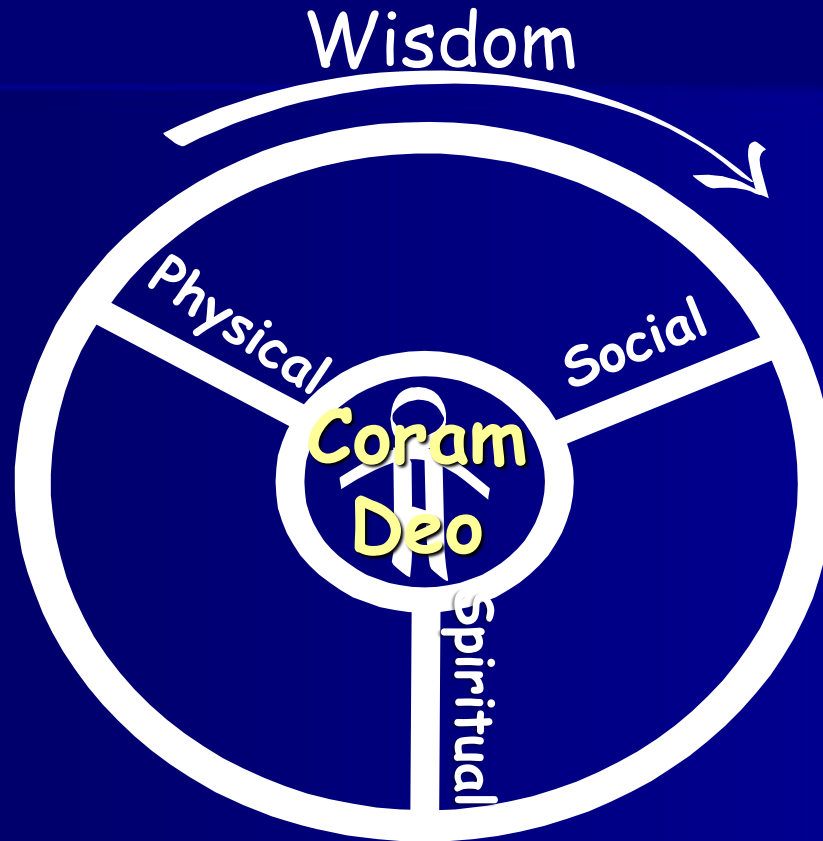
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- What happens when the three spokes are strong and the rim is complete?
- If the balanced wheel represents our lives, what should it be moving toward?
- How does wisdom help us move toward God's intentions in all relationships – spiritual, physical and social?



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Coram Deo Wheel



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- The rim is wisdom.
The three spokes are the three relationships and the hub represents that Christ is at the center of our lives.
- The wheel is very hard to use if it lacks a rim or has missing, weak, or broken spokes.
In these cases it does not move forward well.

Wisdom and Three Relationships



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2) *Prov. 3:5-6*

I Peter 5:6-9

- How can we apply wisdom to our **spiritual relationships**, according to these verses?

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3) Gen. 1:26-30; 2:8,15 *I Cor. 6:13-20*

- How can we apply wisdom to our **relationships with the physical world**, according to these verses?

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4) *I Peter 3:8-9* *I Thes. 4:11-12*

- How can we apply wisdom to these **social relationships?**

Key Ideas Reinforcement



- As we obey and meditate on God's commands, we gain great wisdom, insight, and understanding.
- God gave us three primary relationships.
- God gave us His instructions (His Wisdom) so we would know how to relate to the spiritual world, the physical world and with other people in a way that enables us to get the maximum blessing out of each of these relationships.

Key Ideas Reinforcement



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- God gave us instructions for each of these relationships. Found in Scripture, these instructions are known as wisdom.
- We cannot grow toward the example of Christ without the wisdom of God. People should see it in our lives, experience it in our service, and hear it in our words.

Key Ideas Reinforcement



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- Blessing and balance in life come from obeying God's wisdom in each of these relationships. Neglecting God's instructions brings destruction and imbalance.
- When we are in balance , we move steadily toward God's intentions for our lives and service.

Key Ideas Reinforcement

- We can pray for and influence others to obey His wisdom. Those who obey Him live worthy, God-pleasing lives.



Application - My Wheel

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If you drew a wheel that represents your life, what would it look like?

Application

- Reflection
 - Personal balance and wisdom in our relationships
- Commitment Plan
 - Specific
 - Attainable
 - Simple and short





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Application

Wisdom Needs in My Life

For each of the following areas, prayerfully identify one example of a way to grow in wisdom in one of the three relationships.

Areas of Development	Physical	Spiritual	Social
My Life			



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Action Plan

Write a specific plan for one step you will take soon to grow in **wisdom** in **one** of your relationships.

<u>Circle area</u>	What:
Physical	Who:
Spiritual	When:
Social	Where:

Wheel of Wisdom Review

- What are our 3 primary relationships?
- What is wisdom?
- What is wisdom to our 3 relationships?
- What is the role of wisdom in our development?
- How do we achieve balance in development?

