

# Fresh Oil



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Dear Fellow Servants,

I came across a powerful verse while reading several chapters of the Bible one Sunday afternoon. I was really engrossed in the flow of the Scriptures I was reading and then, out of the blue, the verse jumped out at me. Take a good look at 1 Kings 10:24:

***"And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind."***

Go ahead and read that verse again and let its words make an impact on you. For many of us, we would be hard-pressed to think of the last time that *anyone* sought our presence to hear God's wisdom in us, let alone the whole earth. But here's Solomon, a man who specifically asked God for wisdom, and lo and behold, he got it!

I have some good news for you. We have access to this same wisdom, and it is found in the Word of God. Psalm 19:7-11 outlines the wonderful benefits of the Scriptures, as observed by King David, a man after God's own heart. Consider the seventh verse of this passage:

***"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."***

Did you happen to catch that? The simple person can become wise through the teachings of the Bible. God, the great Giver of all wisdom, wants to impart that to us, but there is a catch. We must first be willing to be faithful students of God's Word. There are no short cuts to be found here. Spending all sorts of time in worldly pursuits will not only dilute our appetite for God's Word but it will also block the "wisdom receptors" in our heart. Paul warned his son in the faith, Timothy, of this very thing. Look what it says in 2 Timothy 2:15-16:

***"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker  
Who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the  
Word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for  
They will increase to more ungodliness."***

September is a good month for us to consider these things. The summer is over and the busy fall season is just starting up. What better time is there to give ourselves to increased attention to reading and studying God's Word? I encourage you to pray and ask God to help you acquire an increased passion and desire for His Word. It is the first step in gaining a heart full of His wisdom. It is this kind of heart that others are seeking. Let's be prepared to have something to offer them when they come looking.

Your fellow servant,

*Pastor Brian*

*... I have been anointed with fresh oil*

PSALM 92:10

