

4. The Seven Spirits Described

Revelation 1:11

saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1:20

The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Exodus 25:31

"You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.

Exodus 25:33

Three bowls shall be made like **almond blossoms** on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.

Jeremiah 1:11-12

Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

Exodus 25:37

You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.

Exodus 30:7-8

Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends (**make well, sound**) the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights (**ascend**) the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

Revelation 4:5

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 1:4-5

Greeting the Seven Churches

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him **who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Revelation 3:1

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Isaiah 11:1-2

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 61:1

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom

*Hugh Whelchel
August 12, 2013*

Knowledge – the facts (Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 18:15, Colossians 2:8, 1 Timothy 2:4).

- **Understanding – ability to translate meaning from the facts** (Psalm 119:130, Proverbs 3:5-7, 18:2, Philippians 1:9-10)
- **Wisdom – knowing what to do next, given an understanding of the facts and circumstances** (Ecclesiastes 8:1, James 3:17).

Those with **knowledge** are able to **collect, remember, and access information**. But, it is possible to have knowledge and lack understanding and wisdom. **Someone might have the facts, but not know what they mean or what to do next.**

Those with **understanding** are able to **extract the meaning out of information**. They “**see through**” the facts to the dynamics of what, how, and why. **Understanding is a lens which brings the facts into crisp focus and produces principles.**

Those with **wisdom** know **which principle to apply in a given context**. Understanding Those with **wisdom know what actions to take next.**

They **do the right thing in the given situation**. In contrast, there are many who have great knowledge and understanding but who consistently do the wrong thing.

Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.

Knowledge, wisdom, and understanding

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the **knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Colossians 2:2-3

that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the **knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ**, in whom are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge.

Understanding

2 Timothy 2:7

Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you **understanding** in all things.

Wisdom

Ephesians 1:17

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the **spirit of wisdom** and revelation in the **knowledge of Him**,

Counsel

Ephesians 1:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the **counsel** of His will,

Hebrews 6:17

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His **counsel**, confirmed it by an oath,

Might

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His **might**.

Fear of the lord

Proverbs 1:7

The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Acts 9:31

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the **fear of the Lord** and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Grace and supplication

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the **Spirit of grace and supplication**; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Hebrews 10:29

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the **Spirit of grace**?

Acts 1:14-15

These all continued with one accord in prayer and **supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

Ephesians 6:18

praying always with all prayer and **supplication** in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Isaiah 4:4

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the **spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,**