

The Door to Freedom
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“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone **hears the word** of the kingdom, and **does not understand** it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.” **(Matthew 13:18-19 NKJV)**

Understand in Greek is suniemi mean “to see what God wants you to see.

“But he who received seed on the good ground is he who **hears the word** and **understands it**, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” **(Matthew 13:23 NKJV)**

Ground is the heart. Understand is the same Greek suniemi. To see what God wants you to see.

For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes **they have closed**, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should **understand** with their hearts and turn, So that I **should heal them**.’ But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. **(Matthew 13:15-17 NKJV)**

The more you see God’s word and hear God’s word it will drop into your heart.

My son, give attention to my words; Incline **your ear** to my sayings. Do not let them depart from **your eyes**; Keep them in the midst of **your heart**; For they are life to **those who find them, And health to all their flesh**. **(Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV)**

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; **(Proverbs 3:13 NKJV)**

For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. **(Proverbs 3:14-15 NKJV)**

Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand **riches** and **honor**.
(Proverbs 3:16 NKJV)

Right hand is the hand of priority.

Her ways are ways of **pleasantness**, And all her paths are **peace**.
(Proverbs 3:17 NKJV)

Therefore give to Your servant an **understanding heart** to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. **(I Kings 3:9-10 NKJV)**

Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself **understanding to discern justice**, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and **understanding heart**, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both **riches and honor**, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then **I will lengthen your days.**" **(I Kings 3:11-14 NKJV)**

Understanding heart in Hebrew is hearing heart. Discern in Greek translation is suniemi. To see what God wants you to see.

Gave you the left riches and honor. At that time, they were under the law. Jesus took your exam and gave you and A+++ . Jesus was called the Son of My Right Hand. Jesus has supplied everything for us.

Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the **ark of the covenant** of the Lord, offered up

burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.
(I Kings 3:15 NKJV)

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.**(Luke 2:47-50 NKJV)**

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. **(Luke 2:51-52 NKJV)**

God doesn't increase in wisdom. Jesus as a man increased in wisdom. Adam was tempted when everything around was perfect. Jesus was tempted in wilderness and everything around was terrible. Adam sinned and Jesus didn't.

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round

about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. **(Luke 4:1-15 KJV)**

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; **(1 Timothy 1:18 KJV)**