

## Divine Wisdom versus Human Wisdom

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general assertion that in cases of conflict between divine wisdom and human wisdom, the divine wisdom is always right, many will begin to disagree as we deal with specific issues and particular applications. Some cases in point:

1. The Bible condemns drunkenness and teaches that drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 — of course, if they will repent and change, they can, see verse 11). Human wisdom does not agree. Some are called “alcoholics” and told they have a “disease” and are not to be blamed for their condition, their drinking or their drunkenness.
2. The Bible condemns lying and teaches that liars will have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone (Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8 — again, not if they will repent and change). Human wisdom does not agree. “Situation ethics” is brought in, some lying is excused or justified, and all lying is mollified.
3. The Bible condemns adultery and fornication and teaches that adulterers and fornicators cannot inherit the kingdom of God, but will have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone (again Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8). Human wisdom disagrees and justifies sex outside of wedlock and any consensual sex among adults.
4. The Bible condemns homosexual acts and teaches that those who practice them cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:24, 26-27; 1 Timothy 1:10). Human wisdom disagrees and maintains either that the homosexual is born that way and cannot help himself or herself, or is made that way and is not responsible, or that his or hers is simply an acceptable “alternate lifestyle.”
5. The Bible requires and endorses capital punishment (Genesis 9:5-7; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17). Human wisdom disagrees and contends that capital punishment is legalized murder and cruel and uncivilized punishment and serves no useful purpose.
6. The Bible has somewhat to say about the rearing and training of children, even requiring corrective discipline and chastisement when such is called for (Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:7, 9-11; Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 29:17). Human wisdom does not agree and would banish all corporeal punishment. Some contend that you should never say “no” to a child and that striking a child only teaches the child to strike others and serves no good purpose. Tell that to God.

### Other Matters And A Parting Word

We have some “authorities” who would lead us to believe that criminal behavior and unacceptable child misbehavior are caused, not by rebellious or selfish or sinful choices, but by chemical imbalances and improper diet or allergic reactions (in the past other “authorities” had told us that inheritance and environment were the culprits and that the individual was not responsible and was not to be blamed or punished).

People, think! God would not label anything wrong or sinful and condemn the individual’s participation in it if the conduct or practice were something the individual was not responsible for. I have that much faith in divine wisdom, and I have lived long enough to see human wisdom proved wrong again and again, and to know that it is ever changing. But the Bible has stood the test of time.

Whereas man says, “What you are doing is not wrong, and it is not your fault. If it proves to be socially unacceptable or a threat to your life or health or that of others, we will find a way to alter your behavior. If you enjoy it, and society condemns you for it, we will try to educate society. If it brings some undesirable or unpleasant consequences, we will try to help you deal with those symptoms.” God says, “What you are doing is wrong, sinful and your fault, and it will separate you from Me and cause you to be lost forever. But there is hope. I love you; you can change; I want you to change. I gave My Son to die for you and all others that I might be able to forgive you. Righteous conduct will bless you and others; sinful conduct will ultimately harm you and others.” What a contrast! Read 1 Corinthians 6:11 and 1 Timothy 1:15-16 for the good news of the gospel.