

The legitimacy of Figures of Speech in the Word of God

Why Would God communicate that way?

Discovering how God Communicates

**Understanding is imperative.** Wisdom is simply knowledge until it is applied. To have understanding, you must apply your heart and mind. Understanding applies wisdom. You have to apply yourself...do. Understanding knows *why* wisdom is wise.

**156 references to understanding** in the KJV – study! 13 different words used for understand, understanding – in 3 ways...verbs, nouns, adjectives. There are different types of understanding...spiritual understanding is distinguished from other types.

## **It means**

- To perceive, comprehend,
- Learn
- Believe
- To grasp the significance or importance – to know the rewards or consequences.
- To be thoroughly familiar with; apprehend clearly the character, [nature](#), or subtleties of: (to understand a trade.)
- To regard as firmly communicated; take as agreed or settled: (I understand that [you](#) will repay this loan in 30 days.)

## **Scriptures referenced in this workshop (1.0):**

- [Isaiah](#) [11:2](#)  
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.

- [Luke](#) [24:45](#)  
And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.
- [Proverbs](#) [24:3](#)  
Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;
- [Proverbs](#) [16:16](#)  
How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- [Proverbs](#) [9:10](#)  
“ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- [Proverbs](#) [2:2](#)  
So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;
- [Proverbs](#) [4:5](#)  
Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
- [1](#) [Kings](#) [3:9](#)  
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?”

It's the heart that understands...grabs a hold of, applies itself to know, obey, respond, choose, etc. If you don't have understanding, you will not apply your heart.

I believe God uses symbolic language because He has to use something you understand to explain something you don't, so that you can fully comprehend and apply your whole heart, mind, soul, and strength to grasp the intent of God.

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