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Ps.19,7: *"The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."*

2Tim.3,16: *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."*

Through setting aside the word of God or failing to make use of it in free obedience we miss what makes us wise, we miss the target that is 'light': "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light." (Ps.36,9) Consistent with this Paul says: "Do not be wise in your own eyes." (Rom.12,16)

The accumulation of knowledge is vast. Is it to the end of becoming wise? Being 'simple' means having the capacity to understand, in Bonhoeffer's words, that the only way to overcome foolishness lies in the inner freedom to a life of responsible living before God (my translation). The way is that of trust in that which is worthy of it – the word of God. The proof is in the doing.