



QA: Why Are There Different Government Responses to the Wuhan Virus? It Is Confusing... by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Why are there different government responses to the Wuhan Virus? It's confusing.

ANSWER: Confusion does not come from God (**1 Corinthians 14:33**), but not all government leaders use God's Wisdom.

1. "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength." (**Proverbs 8:12-14**) One who accepts God's Wisdom, will also receive "prudence" (critical thinking), "knowledge" (factual insight), and "discretion" (ability to use, good judgment). One basic judgment underlies all: reverence for God means rejection of "evil" illustrated by "pride" (opposite of humility, **Proverbs 29:23**), "arrogance" (inflated opinion of personal power), "evil way" (determination to do wrong), and "perverse mouth" (advocating what is in their heart). No one can love God and love evil. Jesus said: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (**Matthew 6:24**). Paul taught: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good" (**Romans 12:9**). God offers "counsel" (good advice), "sound wisdom" (good thinking), "understanding" (awareness of choices), "strength" (ability to stand with decisions).
2. "By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth." (**Proverbs 8:15-16**) Since all authority is with God, then every human government should recognize God's Wisdom, for with it all layers of government would work: kings, rulers, princes, nobles, and judges. Jesus Christ reminded even the Roman Governor that he "would have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above" (**John 19:11**).
3. "I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries." (**Proverbs 8:17-21**) To love Wisdom is to be loved by Wisdom (**John 14:21**), and diligent searchers "will find me." Jesus Christ said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (**Matthew 7:7-8**). The value

Wisdom brings to a person's life is not just "riches and honor," but riches that last because of "righteousness." Earth's "gold" and "silver" cannot mean more than Wisdom's "fruit" (benefits) and "revenue" (worth). Wisdom leads only in what is "right" and "just" which brings "wealth" and "treasures." This is illustrated in **Daniel**'s life, for after he had taken his stand on his faith and used his miraculous gift to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he prospered. King Nebuchadnezzar said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon" (**Daniel 2:46-48**). No empire, kingdom, country, or territory lasts long and prospers well that rejects God's Wisdom!

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