

The Path To Wisdom

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- 5 Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.
- 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.
- 8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.
- 9 She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

What Is Wisdom?

- The factual knowledge and...
- The situational insight and...
- The necessary resolve...
- The courage to exercise that wisdom
 - That together have the greatest likelihood for achieving the intended goal.

What Is Wisdom?

- Only God, who is all wise, never fails to achieve His intended goals.
 - The wisdom of God, perfect knowledge (I Jn. 3:20), perfect insight (Ps. 147:5), and omnipotent resolve – always succeeds in his. There are no exceptions. He attains his goals/ends.

The Wisdom of God

- Romans 11:33-36 → 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Wisdom of The Gospel

- The Wisdom → The factual knowledge, the situational insight, the determined resolve and courage that will succeed in attaining everlasting life.
- 6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.
7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor. 2:6-7)

The Gospel – God’s Eternal Wisdom

- Eph. 3:8-13 → that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

The Gospel – God’s Eternal Wisdom

- II Tim. 3:15 → And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- It is the word of God that imparts to us...
 - The factual knowledge (Jn. 17:17)
 - The necessary discernment (Heb. 5:14)
 - The essential resolve (Phil. 1:17) and
 - Courage (II Tim. 1:7)
 - Unto salvation...
 - What we need to be saved and walk the narrow way of faith and obedience that leads to eternal life.

The Blessings of Wisdom...

- Prov. 3:13 → 13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding,
- Prov. 24:13-14 → My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. 14 Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.
- Prov. 19:8 → He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Blessings of Wisdom

- Prov. 8:32-36 → “And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
- 34 Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.
- 35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD,
- 36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”

Blessings of Wisdom

- Prov. 16:16 → How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- Prov. 8:10-11 → Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

How To Get Wisdom...

- By prizing her. (Prov. 4:8)
- By praying for wisdom. (Js. 1:5)
- By pursuing her. (Prov. 2:4-5)
 - In the word revealed God. (Ps. 19:7, 9; cf. Prov. 9:10)
 - In the world created by God. (Prov. 6:6; Matt. 6:26, 28; Rom. 1:20-22)
 - In walking with those who are wise. (Prov. 13:20; 27:17)
 - In the light of human frailty and certain eternity. (Ps. 90:10, 12; Eccl. 7:2)
 - In Jesus Christ, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:2-3)

How To Get Wisdom...

- By Becoming a fool. (1 Cor. 3:18-23)
 - 18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.