

The Way of Wisdom

#7 – When Wisdom Enters Your Heart

Proverbs 2:10-22

Introduction: What was the state of our heart, before wisdom enters the heart? (vs. 10). What is the natural state of a child's heart?

There is a connection between the state of the _____ and our _____. When wisdom enters our heart, it will have ramifications on the path you take.

1. When wisdom enters your heart, you will be _____ and _____. – vs. 11
 - a. Preserve you – Exercising great care over you so that you will be preserved.
 - b. Keep you – _____ _____ for the purpose of protection

2. When wisdom enters your heart, you will be _____. – vs. 12, 16
 - a. One of the best parts of the way of wisdom is what we get to avoid! What we miss out on! Notice what we are delivered “from”.
 - b. From the _____ _____ (man) – vs. 12
 - One is the evil itself
 - The _____ of the disobedience (Calamity and destruction) – vs. 1:33, vs. 2:26-27
 - From the man who speaks _____ things
 - i. There are many perverse mouths today, oftentimes we think of this sin as just with those who are vulgar. **But it really is any words that twist or seek to overturn God's good plan of wisdom. It is a mouth that overturns God's way of wisdom.**
 - ii. This word, “perverse” occurs 10 times in the OT, 9 are in Proverbs. The word comes from a verb which means to turn or overturn.

Proverbs 2:12, 14; Proverbs 6:14-15; Proverbs 8:13; Proverbs 10:31-32 (2x's); Proverbs 16:28; Proverbs 16:30; Proverbs 23:33
 - c. From the _____
 - vs. 17 – Sexual sin goes against the marriage covenant. Mankind, created in God's image is to reflect the _____ of God. God is faithful to His covenant.
 - d. From the seductress who flatters with _____
 - What words control the conduct of your home? Parents (vs. 1) and Children (vs. 6)

3. When wisdom enters your heart, you may _____ in the way of goodness. – vs. 20
 - a. What is the connection between goodness and righteousness? Why is righteousness connected with goodness? And why is goodness connected with righteousness?
 - b. When we follow God's righteous path, we are also on God's good path.
 - c. Unrighteousness leads to a _____.
 - d. Deuteronomy 28:1-14; 15-68

Application Questions:

- Why are verses 1-4 so important for parents to teach their children?
- Why is the way of goodness marked by being delivered from or the absence of certain things? Is “missing out” a popular message today? Why or why not?

August Memory Passage

“But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.” – Psalm 5:7-8