

## The Way of Wisdom

#6 – If... Then

Proverbs 2:1-9

1. Condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Vs. 1 – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Vs. 2 – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Vs. 3 – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Vs. 4 – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The use of these verbs in the condition implies the following:

There is something of great value to be \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 1-2) Right \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom!

- i. Receive – To take for oneself, to seize, to grasp and hold on tightly.
- ii. Treasure – To store up and desire on account of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the object.

This condition is met when the son is inclining his ear to wisdom and applying his heart to understanding.

- iii. That something of value is not found within \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 3)
- iv. Humble \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom (Prov. 8:13) – The fool holds God insignificantly. He doesn't ask God. He doesn't seek God. We have not because we ask not. (James 1:5 & 4:2-3, 6)
- v. There needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit (vs. 4). Passionate action pursuing wisdom.
  1. Pursuing wisdom must be a \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit.
  2. Parents, beware of the distraction of the good.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ result when the conditions are met.
  - a. Sometime in the future. The longer our perspective, usually the better choices we make.
  - b. Two results:
    - i. Vs. 5 – Then, you will \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
      1. Understand – comes from the preposition between, to distinguish between, to be able to separate, to discern, to understand.
      2. Understand the fear of the LORD – Proverbs 8:13 & Psalm 130:4, 8.
      3. \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God. Know God and His ways.
    - ii. Vs. 9 – You will \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness, justice, equity and every good path – 1:3.
      1. Vs. 9 – The way of wisdom – every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Why are these results true? Three theological truths that we must believe if we are going to encourage our children to pursue wisdom.
    - i. The LORD gives \_\_\_\_\_ – He is the source, because He is wisdom.
    - ii. The LORD gives wisdom by His \_\_\_\_\_. His words and commands (2:1; 1:20)
      1. The \_\_\_\_\_
      2. The \_\_\_\_\_ – (Proverbs 3:19; 8:12-36) – He spoke creation into existence.
      3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Word – the Word made flesh – (Hebrews 1)
    - iii. The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ is on the way of wisdom (vs. 7-8; vs. 9 – “every good path”).

**Discussion questions:**

How will parenting differ between a parent who believes the theological truths of Proverbs 2:6-8 and one who doesn't believe those truths?

What are "other" treasures that parents make as a primary pursuit for their children? What is the result if those treasures are found? How do those results compare to finding the knowledge of God?

**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