

Opening: The bible tells us, “ In all your getting get wisdom.” Wisdom is crucial for walking with God and having real success in this life. Wisdom is not something we stumble upon, it something we grow in by choice and careful consideration. All of us have the ability to gain wisdom and become better because of it. Today, God wants to give His people the great fruit that comes from His wisdom abiding in our lives. Lets exceed expectation and excel together.

Key Verse:

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: Fear God and keep His commandments, because this is the whole duty of man.

Proverbs 19:20 Listen to advice and accept discipline, So that you may be wise the rest of your days.

Proverbs 4:6-8 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you. 7Wisdom is supreme; so acquire wisdom. And whatever you may acquire, gain understanding. 8Prize her, and she will exalt you; if you embrace her, she will honor you.

1. Who is Wisdom?

- a. **Isaiah 11:2** And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- b. **Proverbs 8:22-26 22The LORD created me as His first course**, before His works of old. **23**From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, before the earth began. **24**When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when no springs were overflowing with water. **25**Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth, **26**before He made the land or fields, or any of the dust of the earth.
 - i. Wisdom is not an it, but a person. Wisdom exists in God and is brought forth from His infinite nature and expressed in His creation. God possesses all wisdom and wisdom even beyond our understanding. God's wisdom is the manifestation of His character, his will, his truth and his ways. The Holy Spirit is God's wisdom.
 - ii. Proverbs is not telling us that the Holy Spirit was ever created instead that the manifestation of God's wisdom was brought forward from God as a creation before He created all other things. Think of it better as God choosing to express that portion of who He is before all other expressions.
 - iii. **Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse.
 - 1. God wants to be known by His creation. How does He make himself known? God used His wisdom to create a world where His nature would be clearly evident.
 - a. His faithfulness is seen every day the sun rises, because he planned it that way.
 - b. His grace is seen in the abundance of the harvest that comes from a tiny seed, because he planned it that way.
 - c. His Power and Might is seen in the lightning and thunder that crashes in the storm, because he planned it that way.
 - d. His knowledge is seen in the fine tuning of the DNA that is found in every living cell in your body because He planned it that way.
 - e. His infinite nature is seen in the unknown number of stars and expanse of the Universe because He planned it that way.
 - f. His beauty in a rose in bloom or the fading light of sunset dancing off the clouds above because He planned it that way.
 - g. His love, compassion and care are found in how he provides for all of His creation, a home, food, protection, rest and gives them gifts and unique abilities to flourish in the daily purposes they were created for, because He planned it that way.
 - i. Consider the Monarch Butterfly which was created with the ability to navigate thousands of miles to escape the harsh northern winters and find rest.
 - c. **Ephesians 1:15-17** 15For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in your knowledge of Him.
 - i. You have received the Holy Spirit at salvation; the work of the Holy Spirit is to cultivate and bring forward God's wisdom into your life so that you use His wisdom daily to build his Kingdom.
 - ii. To gain a heart of wisdom you have to apply your heart and mind to grow in knowledge in, humility and in relationship with the God of wisdom.

2. Wisdom will preserve the gains that righteousness produces.

- a. Proverbs 2:20-22 20So you will follow in the ways of the good, and keep to the paths of the righteous. 21For the upright will inhabit the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be uprooted.
 - i. When we apply our heart to gain wisdom, we will ensure our feet are set on a firm foundation. We will be immovable and will be set in the good life God has planned for them.
 - ii. **Life Lesson:** Satan does not stop trying to corrupt the believer, growing in wisdom as a Christian allows us to block His attacks and temptations meant to put us back into chains of slavery.

3. The recklessness of fools

- a. A fool is someone who scoffs at sound understanding, at right thinking, at good counsel.
 - i. A fool delights in being simple, without knowledge and is one who is easily misled and deceived.
 - ii. It should be obvious then that a Christian is one who possesses wisdom, grows in it, and then reveals that wisdom to others.
- b. A fool is not correctable, the Bible tells us that a fool will suffer many blows of correction, but they will be wasted because a fool is prideful and unwilling to take them to heart for transformation.
 - i. In proverbs 1:23,28-33 God warns the wicked fool who would not listen in His day of instruction he says, 23If you had repented at my rebuke, then surely I would have poured out my spirit on you; I would have made my words known to you.28Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will earnestly seek me , but will not find me. 29For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD. 30They accepted none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof. 31So they will eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32For the waywardness of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them. 33But whoever listens to me will dwell in safety, secure from the fear of evil."
- c. These verses tell us that our actions have consequences. God would that each of us would eat the good of the land of His righteousness, but we must be willing to seek Him for it.
- d. If your life feels unstable, filled with violence, filled with tragedy, filled with sudden calamities, always unrest, always displeasure something is out of place. Where God dwells, He will give His peace and rest even in the midst of stormy waters.
 - i. A fool cannot blame others for the calamity they find themselves in, they can only blame themselves, which they never do because of the pride that blinds them from seeing the folly of their own actions and part to play.

4. While we all have been foolish what is a biblical fool?

- a. In the Bible, a "fool" isn't just someone silly, but primarily a person who lacks wisdom, rejects God's instruction, and acts wickedly,
- b. They repeat the same mistakes over and over and over again even though they have received severe consequences for doing so.
- c. They deny God's existence even though his attributes can be clearly seen in His creation.
- d. They speak hastily, unwisely before carefully considering the words of their mouth and the fruit of it.
- e. They refuse correction.
- f. They fail to live out their lives by faith and instead live by carnal passion that are worthless.
- g. They are people of moral depravity lacking any reservations towards evil. They celebrate corruption and rejoice in stupidity.
- h. The fool is lazy and because of that they are never satisfied. If they will work, they are usually taken advantage of and become "slaves" to others because they lack knowledge to excel.
- i. They heart that is set against divine knowledge, they oppose Gods knowledge, they mock and scoff at it.

5. Your first guard is the presence of humility.

- a. James 4:6-7 6But He gives us more grace. This is why it says: " God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- b. **1st Peter 5:5** Young men, in the same way, submit yourselves to your elders. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- c. The Truth is humility is never out of style for the Christian. If we possess real humility, then God will bless and promote us in this life.
- d. Humility is God's requirement for a full Christian life; we never exhaust it. Humility will allow each of us to discover God and His wisdom in our life. Let us ask Him for it this morning.

Conclusion: Wisdom is not far from anyone of us. Like salvation it is offered freely by God to any heart that will search for Him. To gain God's wisdom is to gain his ability to accomplish far more than you ever thought possible. You can grow in Wisdom.