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PROVERBS

WISDOM FOR LIFE & EVERYDAY LIVING

Proverbs 2 Wisdom Sought

Introduction: Last Sunday we walked through Proverbs 1, “Wisdom _____,” and looked at ten important words in verses 2–4. Those _____ words are repeated throughout the 31 chapters of Proverbs. Pick up a _____ list in the ministry rack and test yourself!

Proverbs 2 is “Wisdom _____.” Wisdom is not only presented to us; it is something we must seek after daily.

I. The _____ for Wisdom – 2:1–6

These verses contain ten verbs. What is a _____? An _____ word! Verses 1–4 give eight “if” clauses, verse 5 gives two “then” clauses, and verse 6 tells us where wisdom comes from.

1. _____ – 2:1

Solomon writes to “my _____.” Proverbs is for all of us who are children of God. Receive God’s Word as you do your _____ and your vacation time! To receive means not just to accept but to embrace. You don’t leave a guest standing at the door; you invite them in. Embrace wisdom!

2. _____ – 2:1

What is your greatest _____? Like a little boy who fills his pockets with treasures, fill your heart with God’s Word. “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11). The safest place for wisdom is in our heart.

3. _____ – 2:2

J. Vernon McGee: “Keep your _____ open.” To incline is to lean in to hear. Two ears, one mouth: listen twice as much as you talk!

4. _____ – 2:2

Turning the _____ toward understanding. The ear bends and the heart turns. Wisdom changes the direction of your heart.

5. _____ out – 2:3

Babies cry for _____, teens cry for _____, and adults cry for peace and quiet. But do we cry out for _____? Our world calls good evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20), and many are confused. Pray for the ability to know right from wrong.

6. _____ up – 2:3

Pray for _____ and tell God your need for understanding (Philippians 4:6; James 1:5). ASK every day!

7. _____ – 2:4

In the _____, thousands came to California seeking silver. It was hard work, and many died trying. Seek wisdom!

8. _____ – 2:4

Hidden treasure must be _____ for: Oak Island (over 231 years), Noah’s Ark (since 1959), the Lost Dutchman (since 1891). With my metal detector I became an official _____ hunter and found about one dollar in coins! Still, there is excitement and mystery in the search. Search for wisdom like hidden treasure.

9. _____ – 2:5 (Write: _____)

As we seek wisdom, we understand the _____ of the LORD (Proverbs 1:7): a deep and awesome respect for God. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

10. _____ – 2:5

We discover the _____ of God, His nature and character. It is knowledge by relationship, not mere information. When we seek wisdom, we

find God!

Verse 6: “For the LORD gives wisdom.” We pursue wisdom, but God dispenses it. From it come:

- Knowledge: _____
- Understanding: _____

You can be earthly smart or biblically wise; the choice is yours. Seek after wisdom!

The flow in one line: _____ it (v. 1) → bend your ear and turn your heart (v. 2) → cry out (v. 3) → _____ like treasure (v. 4) → find the fear of the LORD (v. 5), because He _____ it (v. 6).

II. The _____ of Seeking Wisdom – 2:7–9

1. God is a _____ to those who walk uprightly – 2:7

A shield is for _____. As we plunge into seeking wisdom, God becomes our shield. We walk behind the shield; God goes before us. What a great promise!

2. God _____ the paths of justice – 2:8

“Guards” means _____. “Justice” means “right.” When it comes to justice, God never moves. Right is always right! Walk the right paths and God will keep you.

3. God _____ the way of His saints – 2:8

“Preserves” (shamar) means to guard or _____ over, like a sentry at his post. “The way” is your whole course of life, and “His saints” are those who have received His loyal love and answer it with loyalty of their own. They belong to Him!

4. God allows you to _____ – 2:9

As we seek _____, we understand:

- Righteousness: the right way to live
- Justice: knowing what is right
- Equity: knowing what is fair

III. The _____ of Wisdom – 2:10–22

1. It delivers from the _____ way – 2:10–15

When wisdom enters our _____ (mind, will, emotions), we can discern right from wrong. Wisdom leads us away from the path that leads to destruction. Wisdom protects us from the evil path.

2. It delivers from the _____ woman – 2:16–19

Solomon had _____ wives and _____ concubines (1 Kings 11:3), and they turned his heart from God. She waits to bite like an adder and sting like a scorpion, and “her house leads down to death.” Don’t be fooled; in the end you pay the price. Heed the cry of wisdom!

3. It delivers from _____ – 2:20–22

Wisdom is a _____ God gives to lead us down the narrow path. Only ONE path leads to life (John 14:6; Matthew 7:13–14). Wisdom keeps us from making _____; to know what is right and not do it is sin (James 4:17). Wisdom keeps us in the light of _____, and “the blameless will remain” in the land (v. 21).

Verse 22: “But the wicked will be cut off from the earth.” What a terrible _____! It is the reality for all who forsake wisdom. Sons, receive my words. Church, receive God’s wisdom!

Conclusion: Pick one of the ten _____ and make it part of your quest for wisdom this week.

Then ask yourself:

- Is God your _____?
- Are you walking uprightly?
- Do you sense God _____ over your life?
- Do you have the knowledge of God?

Think of the many ways wisdom has _____ you. It helps us discern right from wrong, protects us from immorality, and delivers us from making excuses. God, help us to seek wisdom as hidden treasure!