

V. Godly wisdom knows to pursue _____ not
_____ or _____.

“All this I tested by wisdom and I said, “I am determined to be wise”— but this was beyond me. Whatever exists is far off and most profound— who can discover it?”

Ecclesiastes 7:23-24 (NIV)

“I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!”

Ecclesiastes 1:13 (NIV)

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5 (NIV)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools^[a] despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

“The Benefits of Godly Wisdom”

Ecclesiastes 7:19-24

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I. Godly wisdom gives an inner _____
_____.

“Wisdom makes one wise person more powerful than ten rulers in a city.”

Ecclesiastes 7:19 (NIV)

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. The wise prevails through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength. Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers.”

Proverbs 24:3-6 (NIV)

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

“Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

II. Godly wisdom teaches us not to expect that those we deal with are _____.

“Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.”

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

“Who can say, ‘I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin’?”

Proverbs 20:9 (NIV)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

1 John 1:8 (NIV)

III. Godly wisdom teaches us to be careful with what you do with what we _____.

“Do not pay attention to every word people say, or you may hear your servant cursing you—”

Ecclesiastes 7:21 (NIV)

“wisdom; keeping you from your neighbor’s wife, from the smooth talk of a wayward woman.”

Proverbs 6:24 (NIV)

❖ Godly wisdom is not so concerned about what others are thinking and saying as they are concerned with what _____ is thinking and saying!

“I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.”

1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)

IV. Godly wisdom reminds us of our own _____ and _____.

“or you know in your heart that many times you yourself have cursed others.”

Ecclesiastes 7:22 (NIV)

““Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)

“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:7 (NIV)