

NOTES: Foolproof | Find Life
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Proverbs 8.32-36 NASB

1. The Wisdom of God is a life and death choice

““For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD. “But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death.”” (Proverbs 8:35–36, NASB95)

2. The Wisdom of God requires intentionality

“Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts.” (Proverbs 8:34, NASB95)

““Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”” (Matthew 11:28–30, NASB95)

Question: List 3 ways you intentionally put forth effort to grow in God?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3. Active Rejection of the Wisdom of God is self-harm

““But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death.”” (Proverbs 8:36, NASB95)

“The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast. For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.” (Proverbs 5:22–23, NIV)

“The way of the LORD is a refuge for the blameless, but it is the ruin of those who do evil.” (Proverbs 10:29, NIV)

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” (Proverbs 11:3, NIV)

Question: What has Jesus saved you from? What evil have you forsaken?

4. Finding God’s Wisdom has benefits

“For those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD.” (Proverbs 8:35, NIV)

Find Life- Like John 10.10

Find Favor from the Lord (Blessing)- Supernatural ability to enjoy God’s love, peace, and presence.

Question: What ways have you found life and favor in loving God?

How can we apply this wisdom today?

- If your parents are still living, listen to them. Get a mentor, a counselor, grandparent, small group leader, pastor, friend in your life; listen to them. God often leads us through those whom he places over us.
- Ask God if there is any wisdom he wants you to acquire or foolishness he wants you to lose. It is a prayer that he will surely answer.
- Guard what you let into your mind. Allow only that which will nurture wisdom and not foolishness. You will become what you allow your mind to think, read about, look at, and invest your time.
- Living in the Wisdom of God begins by receiving the salvation of God

Closing with Communion

Zacchaeus, finds Jesus. He finds Life and Blessing (Luke 19)

1. Required some effort. He had to climb up into that tree.
2. He had to prepare a meal for Jesus.
3. He said yes to the invitation of Jesus.
4. He repented, confessed, and changed.

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”” (Luke 19:8–10, NIV)

It required repenting, confessing, and changing.

Questions

What is God speaking to you today?

What invitation is Jesus extending to you?

How will you respond?