

## August 30th – The Result of Wisdom

*“If the ax is dull and one does not sharpen the edge then he must use more strength, but wisdom brings success.” (Ecc. 10:10)*

Have you ever attempted to cut down a tree or split wood? I’ve split my fair share of wood and there’s one thing I can tell you for certain – I’d much rather use a sharp ax than a dull one. Will a dull ax split wood? I know first hand that it will because I’ve used a dull ax on several occasions. But using a dull ax will cause a man to take many more swings to split the same piece of wood that could’ve been chopped easily with a sharp edge.

Wisdom is the sharp edge of our lives. The more we know, the more likely we are to be successful. But it’s not just knowledge of random facts I’m speaking of. If we’re going to be truly successful in this life, then we must have the right kind of wisdom. It begins with a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Have you trusted in His death, burial, and resurrection as a complete payment for your sins? And of course, once we have trusted Christ, like newborn babies we must “desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2). Daily time spent in God’s Word will supply us with the wisdom we need to be successful in all life’s pursuits.

Another great way to gain wisdom is through education. I’ve heard people discourage education before, implying that a man who trusts God doesn’t really need “book learning” – he just needs to rely on the Holy Spirit. Obviously we should lean on the Holy Spirit each moment of our lives, but we should also sharpen our minds through continuing our education. Whether it’s in the classroom or at home, let’s continue to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18).