

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 4 – The Hidden Treasure of True Wisdom

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Proverbs 2:1-5 (NLT), “My child, listen to what I say, and **treasure my commands**. ²Tune your ears to **wisdom**, and concentrate on **understanding**. ³Cry out for **insight**, and ask for understanding. ⁴**Search for them** as you would for **silver**; seek them like **hidden treasures**. ⁵Then you will understand what it means to **fear the Lord**, and you will **gain knowledge of God**.”

Proverbs 16:16 (NLT), “How much better to get **wisdom than gold**, and **good judgment than silver!**”

1. Know what you _____.

Psalms 37:4-6 (NIV), “⁴Take **delight** in the Lord, and **he will give you the desires of your heart**. ⁵**Commit** your way to the Lord; **trust** in him and he will do this: ⁶He will make your righteous **reward** shine like the dawn, your **vindication** like the noonday sun.”

Proverbs 3:13-18 (NLT), “¹³**Joyful** is the person who finds **wisdom** the one who gains understanding. ¹⁴For **wisdom** is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. ¹⁵**Wisdom** is more precious than rubies; **nothing you desire can compare with her**. ¹⁶She offers you **long life** in her right hand, and **riches** and **honor** in her left. ¹⁷She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. ¹⁸**Wisdom** is a **tree of life** to those who embrace her; **happy** are those who hold her tightly.”

2. Know what you _____ want.

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT), “¹⁵**Do not love this world** nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶For the world offers only a **craving for physical pleasure**, a **craving** for everything we **see**, and **pride** in our **achievements** and **possessions**. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷And **this world is fading away**, along with **everything that people crave**. But anyone who **does what pleases God will live forever**.”

Proverbs 10:2 (NIV), “**Ill-gotten treasures** have **no lasting value**, but righteousness delivers from death.”

3. Know which _____ to go.

Colossians 2:3 (NLT), “In **Christ** are hidden all the **treasures of wisdom** and **knowledge**.”

James 3:13-18 (NLT), “¹³If you are **wise** and understand God’s ways, **prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works** with the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you are bitterly **jealous** and there is **selfish ambition** in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵For **jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom**. Such things are **earthly, unspiritual, and demonic**. ¹⁶For wherever there is **jealousy** and **selfish ambition**, there you will find **disorder** and **evil** of every kind. ¹⁷But the **wisdom from above** is first of all **pure**. It is also **peace loving, gentle** at all times, and willing to **yield** to others. It is full of **mercy** and the fruit of **good deeds**. It shows **no favoritism** and is always **sincere**.”

Proverbs 19:8 (NIV), “The one who gets wisdom **loves life**; the one who cherishes understanding will **soon prosper**.”

Romans 11:33 (NASB), “Oh, the **depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!”
