



**WISDOM**  
**PASTOR JEREMY McGARITY**

*"For the Lord grants wisdom! ... For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Joyful is the person who finds wisdom. Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! When you walk, you won't be held back; when you run, you won't stumble."*

PROVERBS 2:6, 10; 3:13; 4:7; 12 | NLT

**GOD'S WORD WILL ...**

**1. STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH.**

*"And now I entrust you to God and His care and to His wonderful words that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for Himself."*

ACTS 20:32 | LB

- **TEST: IF YOU'RE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME TRUSTING GOD WITH YOUR LIFE, YOU NEED MORE OF GOD'S WISDOM IN YOUR LIFE.**

**2. DIRECT YOUR DECISIONS.**

*"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."*

PSALM 119:105 | NLT

*"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."*

PROVERBS 3:6 | NLT

- **TEST: IF YOU FIND YOURSELF CONFUSED A LOT OF THE TIME, LACKING CLEAR DIRECTION, YOU NEED MORE OF GOD'S WISDOM IN YOUR LIFE.**

### 3. BRING YOU **SUCCESS**.

*“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”*  
JOSHUA 1:8 | NLT

*“Take hold of my instructions; don’t let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.”*  
PROVERBS 4:13 | NLT

- **TEST: IF YOU FIND YOURSELF UNFULFILLED IN LIFE, ALWAYS SEARCHING BUT NEVER FINDING, YOU NEED MORE OF GOD’S WISDOM IN YOUR LIFE.**

### 4. TRANSFORM YOUR **HEART**.

*“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”*  
HEBREWS 4:12 | NLT

- **TEST: IF YOU DON’T LIKE WHO YOU ARE OR YOUR CHARACTER ISN’T ANYTHING LIKE THE HEART OF GOD, YOU NEED GOD’S WISDOM IN YOUR LIFE.**

## WHY DOESN’T THE BIBLE CHANGE SOME PEOPLE’S LIVES?

- THE DILEMMA OF **DIFFICULTY**.
- THE FACT OF **FAMILIARITY**.
- THE PRINCIPLE OF **PRORITY**.

*“There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in something you do it only when it’s convenient. When you’re committed to something you accept no excuses, only results.”*  
KEN BLANCHARD

## **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?**
- 2. Pastor Jeremy talked about 4 different "tests" we may experience. Which one resonated with you and why?**
- 3. As a group, read Joshua 1:8 and Proverbs 4:13. How well do you meditate on scripture and why would this be a "key to life?" Go around the group and share.**
- 4. Pastor Jeremy shared why sometimes Scripture does not change a person. Do you relate to any of his 3 points? What is your experience with this and how can you make scripture reading a commitment?**
- 5. How is your week going? How can we pray for you?**