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PROVERBS - Wise Living in a Foolish World



Prerequisites to becoming truly WISE:

- Gen 1:1 (four words)
- He's God – and we're not
- The fear of the Lord (Prov 1:7)
- Trusting the LORD (Prov 3:5-6)
- God is:
 - Omniscient (all knowing) 1 John 3:20
 - Omnipotent (All powerful)
 - Omnipresent (Everywhere present)
- God is Source of all Wisdom.

Wisdom: the natural ability to understand things that most other people cannot understand.

A better definition: Because of my relationship to God... I can have God-given wisdom and the ability to understand things that most other people cannot understand.

HOW to make WISE, Godly decisions

1. SEARCH GOD'S WORD.

(Prov 2:1-6)

Eight Imperatives:

- IF you receive my words
- IF you treasure my commands within you
- IF you incline your ear
- IF you apply your heart
- IF you cry out for discernment
- IF you lift up your voice for understanding
- IF you seek (wisdom) as silver
- IF you search for (wisdom) as hidden treasure

(James 1:5)

2. GOD'S PROMISE:

(Prov 2:7-8)

3. TRUST GOD'S HEART

(Prov 3:5-6/Prov. 28:26/Heb 11:6/ Is 26:3)

4. EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES

(Prov 16:1-3)

5. SEEK GODLY COUNSEL

(Prov 11:14/Prov 15:22/Prov 26:16)

6. MAKE YOUR DECISION.

(Prov 2:9-11)

7. THE PROTECTION OF GODLY WISDOM

(Prov 2:12-16/Prov 20-21/Gal 6:7,9)