

Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-11

Key words: **Wisdom** – insight, intelligence, perception, good judgment, prudently applying knowledge.
Knowledge – comprehension, understanding, experience, skill.
Understanding – See and know, appreciate, recognize, comprehend, realize, value, identify with, to perceive an intended meaning.

Introduction:

- Words of wisdom and knowledge from King Solomon to us.
 - o He asked God to give Him wisdom (1 Kings 4:9)
- My son
 - o receive my words
 - o treasure my commands
- Wisdom, knowledge and understanding, is so important to the disciple's daily walk here on earth

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Big Idea: Solomon share with us four important insights that can have a direct impact on our lives as His disciples.

Outline:

1. Wisdom and You: something you are to do. (verses 2-4)

- a. Incline and apply v.2
 - i. Ears – door to the heart
- b. Cry out to God v.3
 - i. To know – to discern and understand (study and meditate on the Word)
- c. Seek and search v.4
 - i. To reproduce – like silver; a treasure to seek and search out for
 - ii. Pro 16:16 – how much better it is to get wisdom than gold!

- Reminds me what Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8: **Ask, Seek and Knock**

2. Wisdom and God: something that God does. (verses 5-9)

- a. Wisdom helps us to know and understand God v.5 (Psalm 111:10)
- b. Wisdom, knowledge and understand is what God speaks v.6 (Ps 51:6)
- c. Wisdom is a shield of God for us v.7 (to thee upright) (Eccl 9:18)
- d. Wisdom is how God leads us v.8 (Justice and preserves our way) (Dan 2:21; Eph 1:17)
- e. Wisdom of God is the pathway to righteousness and justice v.9 (1 Cor 1:24)

3. Wisdom and Jesus Christ: something Christ will do. (verses 10)

- a. Let it enter your heart v.10
 - i. Two things can enter your heart – ways of the world or the ways of the Holy Spirit, who desires to be our teacher and instructor.
 - ii. Romans 10:9-10 speak with mouth, believe in your heart
 - iii. Jesus must come into your heart
- b. Knowledge – pleasant to your soul
 - i. Soul needs peace – Christ peace that passes all understanding (Matt 10:34; Eph 2:14; Phil 4:7)
 - ii. 1 Cor 1:24 – Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God

4. **Wisdom and the Holy Spirit: something that the Holy Spirit continues to do. (Verse 11)**

- a. The Holy Spirit continues the work of wisdom in our lives
 - i. Acts 6:3 – seven men ... full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom
 - ii. We must let Him fill us and empower us with wisdom (Eph 5:18)
- b. The Holy Spirit gives us discretion (Pro 3:21)
 - i. Balance and discernment to our life
- c. The Holy Spirit preserves us (Ps 40:11)
 - i. Strength and stability to run the race set before us (Heb 12:1-2)
- d. Understanding – keeps us – makes it possible for us to reproduce
 - i. Produce change (Neh 8:1-12) men, women and children
 - ii. fruit that will last

Conclusion:

- Proverbs is a book full of wisdom for the believer who desires to serve the triune God
- James 1:5 – if we lack wisdom “ask God”
- Review 4 main points =
 - o Wisdom, and You
 - o Wisdom and God
 - o Wisdom and Jesus Christ
 - o Wisdom and the Holy Spirit

Challenge:

- Proverbs 4:7 – **wisdom** is the principle thing; therefore get **wisdom**
- Will we commit our lives to ask and seek after the full council of God’s wisdom for our lives?

Prayer:

- Close in a prayer of commitment with the people that they will set as a goal, to walk their lives according to God’s wisdom, obeying His Word and living out His will for their life.