

## Get Wisdom!

### Proverbs 4:5, 7

Proverbs 4:7; Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

- How to acquire and apply God's WISDOM to our lives is the theme of Proverbs, often called, "Wisdom Literature" along with Job and Ecclesiastes.
- Life is full of getting STUFF, but in the midst of all the things we get, get wisdom first!

#### 1. The **VALUE** of Wisdom:

##### A. Wisdom brings:

- 1.) **Happiness**, Proverbs 3:13
- 2.) **Long and Abundant Life**, Proverbs 3:16, 18
- 3.) **Peace**, Proverbs 3:17

##### B. Wisdom is better than:

- 1.) **Silver**, Proverbs 3:14a
- 2.) **Gold**, Proverbs 3:14b
- 3.) **Rubies** Proverbs 3:15a
- 4.) **Anything you can Desire**, Proverbs 3:15b

#### 2. The **DEFINITION** of Wisdom, Proverbs 9:10

Proverbs 9:10; The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

- A. Wisdom is the expert application of my **God relationship** to all the moral and complex decisions of life, to my relationships and responsibilities in my personal life, marriage, family, church, work, or other relationships.
- B. The fear of God is the STARTING point for wisdom: The fear of the LORD is life-transforming, **joyful, awestruck** wonder & reverence before God, for who He is and what He has done, that leads me to trust and love Him and find security and confidence in Him.

James 3:17; But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

### 3. The **PATH** of Wisdom, Prov. 8:1,2

- In Proverbs 1-8, wisdom is often likened to walking along a pathway or a life style. The words “path(s)” or “way(s)” is found about 100 times in Proverbs.

A. A pathway speaks of the **steady**, repeated, and sometimes **boring** activity of life.

B. On this path we need to know:

1.) How to Get on **Right Path** to the Right End: God’s Word, Proverbs 3:1:

2.) How to **Live Correctly** on this Right Path: God’s Nature, Proverbs 3:3-7, “mercy and truth” These two character traits sum up the nature of God.

### 4. The **PERSON** of Wisdom, Proverbs 30:1-4

A. The Question:

Proverbs 1:4; Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son’s name, if thou canst tell?

B. The Answer: **Jesus who took a path from heaven to the cross:** John 3:12-15.

- Jesus, who is our WISDOM and in whom all the treasures of WISDOM are hid, took a PATH from heaven to earth, that led not to a peaceful beach or a luxury mansion, but to a CROSS.

C. The Application: I must believe Jesus died for me (salvation), and then I must believe that I am dead with Him (sanctification). Now I take up the cross daily, always bearing about in my body the dying of the Lord Jesus, so that the fullness of Christ’s resurrection power is manifest in me.