Growing in Wisdom (Part 2)

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INTRODUCTION

- The book of Proverbs' main concern is about how to become wise and not foolish.
- If Jesus' goal was to grow in wisdom, then that should certainly be our goal as well.
- When the Bible says get wisdom, it's referring to the practical knowledge of how to attain true and lasting happiness. It begins with the fear of the Lord and consists in humbly hearing and doing God's will.

1 First, You Have to Desire It

Proverbs 4:8; Proverbs 2:4

- Exalt her, and she will promote you. She will bring you honor when you embrace her.
- If you exalt something or prize something or embrace someone, those are signs of intense desire and intense love.
- Wisdom has to be valuable for us. We must desire, we must be willing to sell anything and to buy it.
- If we seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures, he says in Proverbs 2 and verse 4.

2 Devote Ourselves to the Study of God's Word

- Besides desiring it, we have to devote ourselves to the study and meditation of God's Word. We have to apply ourselves to study.
- The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple.
- I would also suggest that besides devoting ourselves to Bible study, that we read other books that have to do with theology and spiritual matters.
- I'm going to show you how in 15 minutes a day, you can read 20 books a year.

3 Pray for It

Daniel 2:23

- Solomon was not born a wise man. He prayed for wisdom.
- To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and strength.
- If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to you.
- Wisdom is not something we're born with necessarily. We have to seek it, we have to ask for it, we have to pray for it, and we have to desire it.

4 Think of Your Death

Psalm 90:12

- Think of the shortness of this life and the infinite length of the next.
- So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- The younger you are, it's actually cleansing to think of the kind of life you would like to look back on when it comes time to die.
- Think of what you would want said at your memorial service about the kind of person you were.

5 Finally, Come to Jesus

Matthew 12:42; 2 Peter 1:5–11

- She came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
- Solomon spoke God's wisdom. Jesus is the wisdom of God. Others had spoken truth. Jesus is the truth.
- Therefore, the command, get wisdom means first and foremost, come to Jesus. Come to Jesus in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom.
- Add to your faith virtue, to virtue, knowledge, to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, perseverance, to perseverance, godliness, to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love.
- Proverbs tells us we have to avoid certain pitfalls. Some of them that are pointed out are laziness, drunkenness, and loose women.

THE CHALLENGE

If you haven't come to Jesus yet, why don't you do it today? Don't put it off.

MY NOTES