

Wisdom

Part 1 of Proverbs: Simple wisdom for a complicated world

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Text: Proverbs Chapters 1-7

Solomon choose wisdom above everything else.

How can we obtain wisdom?

Wisdom begins with putting God in charge. (Proverbs 1:7)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...
Psalm 111:10a

The Lord disciplines those he loves...
Proverbs 3:12

(See also: 1 Kings 3:4-14, Isaiah 55:8&9,

If you want wisdom, ask God for it. (James 1:5-7)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5

When will you ask God for wisdom? _____

Tune in to godly wisdom and tune out the rest.

Wisdom cries out in the street. In the markets she raises her voice; - Proverbs 1:20

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight...
1 Corinthians 3:10

Be not wise in your own eyes.... – Proverbs 3:7

(See also: Proverbs 2:1-10, Proverbs 3:5-8

Where to tune in for Wisdom

Go to church
Listen to your elders
Read your Bible
Listen to worship music

Next Steps

- Pray this prayer: God, are there any areas in my life where I have not given you control? You created me. You love me. You are a good father. I believe you know best and I want to let you lead.
- Pray and ask God for wisdom.
- Seek out someone older than you with who you can begin a relationship.
- Commit to one week of listening only to praise and worship music.
- Commit to 5 minutes a day reading God's word.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- If God offered you one wish, you could ask anything at all of him, what would you ask for?
- On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being what flavor of ice cream to eat and 10 being marriage, child, job change... How big of a decision does it need to be before you usually ask God for wisdom?
- Which counterfeit wisdom do you find yourself most likely to tune in to, worldly wisdom (popular opinion, "common" sense) or your own wisdom (leading on your own understanding)?
- Right now, how "tuned-in" do you feel to godly wisdom? (0, I don't think I'd recognize godly wisdom if it bit me in the bottom – 10, I feel like I can discern God shouting his wisdom above all the noise, and I'm happy to obey)
- Which of the ways of "tuning in" do you want to do more of in the coming weeks? What goal have you set for yourself?
- What are you seeking God's wisdom for in your life? How can we pray with you?