

III. GET WISDOM

A. Get wisdom from God.

“For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;” Proverbs 2:6

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

“...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” I Corinthians 1:24b

B. Get wisdom from the Bible.

*“1The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,
3To receive the instruction of wisdom,...”*
Proverbs 1:1-3a

*“1My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.
2Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.”* Proverbs 7:1-2

MAKE WISDOM YOUR LIFE GOAL!

Do you need to wise up about decisions?

*“5 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 him.
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,”* James 1:5-6a

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Wise Up About Decisions

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INTRODUCTION

A. Wise up and live well!!

*“7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.”* Proverbs 4:7-8

B. This teaching series is based on the book of Proverbs.

- The theme of Proverbs is wisdom.
It is mentioned dozens of times covering all the basic areas of life.
- The writer of Proverbs is Solomon.
He is the wisest person to ever live.
- The nature of Proverbs is pithy.
They are short and concise statements of truth.

C. In this series, you will learn how to wise up and live well.

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D. Text: Proverbs 3:5-6 (Pew Bible/Pg. 79/Old Testament)

HOW TO WISE UP ABOUT DECISIONS

I. UNDERSTAND WISDOM

A. Wisdom is not knowledge or human intelligence.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.” Proverbs 14:12

B. Wisdom is discerning and doing the will of God.

*“15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* Ephesians 5:15-17

II. VALUE WISDOM

A. Solomon valued wisdom.

“6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask! What shall I give you?”

8 And Solomon said to God: “You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place.

9 Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”

*11 Then God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—
12 wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”* II Chronicles 1:6-12

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

30 Thus Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

32 He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.

33 Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.

34 And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.” I Kings 4:29-34

B. When you value wisdom, it adds value to your life.

“13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;

14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.” Proverbs 3:13-18

Six benefits of wisdom (vs 14-15):

- Happiness (vs 13, 18)
- Longevity (v 16a)
- Wealthy (v 16b)
- Honor (v 16c)
- Pleasure (v 17a)
- Peace (v 17b)