

**TEXT- Pro 3:5-18** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not

**INTRO – Mankind needs wisdom from God.** Left to himself man is reliant on his own instincts and his limited knowledge. **Jer 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

If God were not real and there was no heaven or hell –still the principles in the Word of God would give man and all civilization a superior way of life.

## I. The Meaning of Wisdom

### • Knowledge

Knowledge is “information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance.” Knowledge can exist without wisdom.

“You will be the same tomorrow as you are today except for the books you read and the people you meet.”

God wants us to have knowledge of Him and what He expects of us. In order to obey Him, we must have knowledge of His commands.

There is no greater knowledge than from the Bible!

Patrick Henry was a revolutionary general, a ratifier of the Constitution, and the Governor of Virginia. He said, “Being a Christian... is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast.” He also said, “The Bible... is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed

### • Instruction

**Pro 1:8** *My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

**Pro 4:13** *Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.*

**2 Ti 2:15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

There must be the recognition that those in authority should be listened to.

**Pro 15:33** *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.*

### • Discretion

Wisdom takes knowledge and applies it with discernment based on experience, evaluation, and lessons learned.

Discretion knows who to listen to for instruction.

**Pro 1:4** *To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

**Tit 2:4-5** *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands to love their children To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

**Pro 11:22** *As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.*

### • Wisdom

“Having the power of discernment, discretion and judging properly as to what is true or right.”

Knowing facts about God and the Bible is not all there is to wisdom.

Wisdom is a gift from God.

**1 Cor. 1:30** *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

- Knowledge is knowing what to say.
- Wisdom is knowing when to say it
- Knowledge is knowing you should save for retirement
- Wisdom is implementing a plan to do it.
- Knowledge is knowing how a gun works
- Wisdom is knowing when and how to use it.
- Knowledge understands the light has turned red
- Wisdom applies the brakes
- Knowledge understands the importance of purity
- Wisdom maintains purity
- Knowledge memorizes the Ten Commandments
- Wisdom obeys them.
- Knowledge understands the existence of God
- Wisdom accepts Christ and is born again.

Wisdom is also about knowing when and how to use your knowledge, being able to put situations in perspective, and how to impart it to others.

You may be knowledgeable about how to raise a baby after reading countless books, attending classes, and talking to wise friends and family members.

When that little person comes home, however, most new parents realize they lack wisdom to help soothe their screaming baby ... and their fears.

Missionary wrote a book on How to reach the Chinese while on deputation.

### • Understanding

**Pro 2:1-6** *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

Understanding is not our own belief or what we want but seeing things from God's point of view and doing what He wants.

**Understanding is divinely inspired by God and comes from Him when our minds are illumined to see truth from His perspective.**

**Pro 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto **thine own understanding.**

**Understanding is a mandate**

**Pro 4:5-7** Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting **get understanding.**

**Col 1:9** For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

## **II. The Rejection of Wisdom**

**Pro 1:20** Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Pro 1:2-7** To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but **fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

**Psa 53:1** The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

**Pro 10:18** He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

## **III. The Attainment of Wisdom**

- **Where is wisdom found?**

**Job 28:12-28** But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued

with pure gold. 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

- **Wisdom is found only in God**

**James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

- **Wisdom becomes conviction deep within the heart of man**

**Psa 51:6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

**Wisdom should be sought earl in life**

**Psa 90:12** So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

**Without the feat of God there can be no wisdom**

**Psa 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

**CONCL – We must reverence God and esteem Him as our all in all.**