



## Proverbs

### “What is Wisdom & How You Get It”

#### Proverbs 1:1-7; 2:1-11

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*All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.*

#### 1) Where does wisdom come from? 2:6-8

The Lord alone gives it – It is a gift from Him.

*“Knowledge is horizontal. Wisdom is vertical – it comes down from above.”* Billy Graham

#### 2) Where does wisdom begin? 1:7; 9:10

- a) the fear of the Lord
- b) the knowledge of the Lord

#### 3) How do you get wisdom?

- a) listen for & treasure wisdom 2:1
- b) tune your ears towards wisdom 2:2a
- c) turn your heart towards wisdom 2:2b
- d) seek, search & ask for wisdom 2:3-4
- e) accept counsel & correction 1:20-33; 9:8-9

*“Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty. Acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours.”* J.I. Packer

#### 4) **Wisdom is...?** 1:1-6; 2:5, 9-11

- a) knowledge
- b) discernment
- c) instruction
- d) prudence and discretion
- e) hearing and learning
- f) understanding

*“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”* Charles Spurgeon

#### **Our Response:**

- 1) How would you define wisdom? What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- 2) What is the first step and the essential component of gaining wisdom? How are you doing that in your life?
- 3) How does Proverbs push back against the “follow your heart, do what feels right or best” culture? How can you apply the wisdom of Proverbs in your daily decision making?
- 4) Where do you need to grow in how you get wisdom in your life? (see point #3)
- 5) How and where specifically do you need the Lord’s wisdom in your life?