

## The Transformative Road To Wisdom

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**Big Idea:** The **wisdom** of God leads us to abundant life

### 1. The Requirement of Wisdom

**Proverbs 2:1-5** “My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, **2** turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—**3** indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, **4** and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, **5** then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.”

**Four requirements to grow in the wisdom of God:**

- A. **Internalize** Wisdom:
- B. **Comprehend** Wisdom:
- C. **Petition** Wisdom:
- D. **Pursue** Wisdom:

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

### 2. The Reward of Wisdom

**Proverbs 2:6-8:** "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."

**God's wisdom rewards us in three particular ways:**

- a. **Genuine Success:** **Proverbs 2:7a:** "He holds success in store for the upright..."
- b. **Spiritual Defense:** **Proverbs 2:7b:** "...he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless..."

**Ephesians 6:11** “Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

- c. **Directional Guidance: Proverbs 2:8:** “...for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”

### 3. **The Results of Wisdom**

**Proverbs 2:9-10:** “Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”

Through Christ, we receive the ultimate wisdom, which **transforms** our understanding and brings true joy to our souls.

**Romans 14:17** “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,”

Through the **gospel**, we receive the ultimate wisdom—Christ Himself, who embodies all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.