



SERMON NOTES

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Good News for Treasure Hunters

Why do I need to hear this passage of Scripture?

What's the big idea of this passage?

What are the main takeaways walking through this passage?

What must I do with what I've heard?

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is to make fervent and obedient disciples for Jesus Christ.*

LIVING OUT THE WORD

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CULTIVATE: See how the search for wisdom intensifies? In verse 1 we receive, even treasure up, what's given. In verse 2, we pay attention for it and have a heart for it. In verse 3, we raise our voice for it; in verse 4, we go to great lengths to unearth wisdom! What level is your search for wisdom at? How intensely do you want understanding?

CELEBRATE: Our treasure hunt is not in vain: the LORD gives wisdom! "Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him" (Heb. 11:6). What a hope-filled promise, that God gives wisdom when we seek Him for it! What wisdom has He given you when you looked for it? (5-6)

AIM: When we know God and fear the Lord, our actions are transformed towards our fellow men as well. When the Lord bestows wisdom, we "walk in integrity" (7) and "will understand righteousness, justice, and equity, every good path" (9). How does godly wisdom spill over into right relationships individually and in society?

CARE: God guards the paths of justice and watches over the way of His saints (8); likewise discretion watches over us and understanding guards us (11). The most vulnerable people need care in these ways: someone to watch over them, guard them, protect and defend them. Who are you watching over to offer loving protection?

COMMUNICATE: A twisted hallmark of the way of evil and the forbidden woman connects with their speech. Men of perverted speech forsake the paths of uprightness (12-13); the adulteress is known by her smooth words (16). Their evil speech brings darkness and death. To whom can you bring God's good news of light and life?

CULTURE: Those who "inhabit the land" and remain in it (21) are the community of the righteous: not simply one person in one plot, but those who abide and flourish together! If you walk in the way of the good, be looking for and celebrate having good company! Do you seek the company of the righteous and the wise when you come to church?