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Wisdom Challenge - read the Proverb of the day for the entire sermon series.

For the past several months I have been fascinated by King Solomon. He is an anomaly of sorts in that he asked God for and received supernatural wisdom and revelation and yet he chose to ignore his own advice throughout his life. When we see pastors and kingdom leaders fall into immorality or teach false doctrine the same thing happens. When we see believers who “know better” pursue a lifestyle that is contrary to the scriptures I have often said that they are not living in God’s best. They choose to live outside of the abundant life that is promised to the believer. Jesus said, I have come to give you life and life abundant - or I have come to offer you LIFE TO THE FULLEST.

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer. (Pro 9:10-12 NLT)

The essence of this sermon series is to learn how to apply Biblical principles (wisdom) to everyday life so that you truly live life to the fullest! I want each and everyone of us to experience the abundant life that Jesus promised! Amen?

Wisdom’s Cry

READ ALL OF PROVERBS 8

Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads. (Pro 8:1-2 NLT)

- Even the skies declare the voice of wisdom!
- The Total Solar Eclipse - even when the moon fully covers the sun - light still shines forth.

Wisdom and King Solomon

The Prayer of Solomon in the Old Testament

Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. (1Ki 3:9-15 NLT) (continues in chapter 4)

God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore. In fact, his wisdom exceeded that of all the wise men of the East and the wise men of Egypt.....He composed some 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs. (1Ki 4:29-34 NLT)

What Was Unique To Solomon Is Normal To The Child Of God (Mindblown graphic)

1 Corinthians 2 is a mind-blowing chapter! Literally, because what the Apostle Paul is writing says that what the natural mind thinks is usually wrong; but the wisdom of the Spirit is the very life that Jesus promised! Read the entire chapter and break down chapter 2)

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness--timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God--his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ... And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. (1Co 2:1-7, 12-13 NLT)

Wisdom Is The Mind Of Christ Revealed To Us

Mystery (2:7)-

Secrets (2:10) -

Thoughts (2:11)

Truths (2:13)

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? (Isa 40:13 NLT)

For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. (1Co 2:16 NLT)

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Conclusion - Do you want to live life to the fullest? Do What Solomon Didn't Do!

If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. (Jas 3:13-18 NLT)

The Path of Totality - the only people who are going to see the total solar eclipse are those who are in the path of totality. It is a narrow path that begins in Texas and goes through Cleveland, Ohio. Millions of people will be ecstatically excited but very few will actually be in the path of totality. Some will see it from afar, like us here in York.

Jesus said the way is narrow; few find it. (Matthew 7).

An 19 year old soldier came back home after boot camp and spoke at his youth group Bible study. He spoke of being a soldier for the Lord and used the analogy of trust and obey. Right boot/left boot - march! This is the way of the Christian.