



## Proverbs 2 | Hidden Treasures 01.12.20

**1 Kings 4:29-30** *And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. <sup>30</sup> Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.*

**John 6:35** *And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

**John 6:66-69** *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. <sup>67</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and \_\_\_\_\_ that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

**Matthew 12:42** *The queen of the South (Sheba) will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.*

"Wise counsel is never popular, rarely obeyed, and usually forgotten." Chuck Swindoll

Before Scripture can change our behavior, it has to first of all correct our understanding.

**1 Peter 2:2-3** *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

### **There are three types of Proverbs.**

1. Contrastive – This is made evident by the use of the word "but." (Ex: 3:1, 35, 12:15,22)
2. Comparative – This is seen in the words, "as", "like", and "better" (Ex: 15:16, 21:9, 19)
3. Completive – The word "and" completes the Proverb. (Ex: 3:6, 15, 22:24)

**John 17:3** *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

Proverbs teaches us how to navigate through the challenges of doing life with one another. Proverbs teaches us how to work through conflict. Proverbs help us avoid harmful consequences.

**Proverbs 2:1-4** *My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, <sup>2</sup>So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;  
<sup>3</sup>Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding,  
<sup>4</sup>If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup>**Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.***

**The fear of the Lord** is an understanding that God knows everything about me and that one day I will give an account of myself to Him.

“The knowledge of God” - What is that?

1. It is to know that God is who He claims to be, Creator, Savior, and Father.
2. It is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. It is to believe that God has something to say to us on how we do life, and He will have something to say to us on how we did life.
4. It is to have insight on our redeemed but depraved nature.
5. It is much, much more, for there is no limit to the knowledge of God.

**Proverbs 2:6-9** *For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup>He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; <sup>8</sup>He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. <sup>9</sup>Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.*

**James 3:13-17** *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*

**Proverbs 2:10-20** teaches that God’s wisdom helps protect from deceitful and immoral people. Flattery is a great tool for the seductress. Unguarded words and undisciplined thoughts open the door for fantasies that lead to sinful life choices. Choice that bring heartache and pain to many of our family members and dishonors Christ!

**Philippians 1:9-11** *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

<b>Love more.</b>	(Abound in love.)
<b>Love correctly.</b>	(In knowledge and discernment)
<b>Love faithfully.</b>	(Until the day of Christ)
<b>Love to the glory and praise of God.</b>	

**Good theology will *not* be enough on judgment day;** demons would pass a theological exam. Our knowledge about Christ is *not* being tested but our love and obedience to Him

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