

Practical Wisdom for Everyday Followers of Jesus

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Proverbs 1:1-7

Biblical wisdom is applying the knowledge of _____ **God is** and the way **He has** _____ **His universe** to the way that you live your life.

The Fear of the Lord is the _____ of God's _____ and _____ and your corresponding _____.

3 Things to Grow in Wisdom

1. _____ yourself
2. _____ on God's Word
3. Share Life with _____

What area of your life do you most need wisdom in right now?

Sermon questions

1. What is the difference, if any, between wisdom and knowledge? Take this a step further, is there a difference between wisdom and *biblical* wisdom?
2. Read **James 3:13-17**. What are the characteristics of earthly wisdom in a person's life? What are the characteristics of heavenly wisdom?
3. Read **Proverbs 3:13-18**. List the benefits of wisdom according to Solomon.
4. Can you think of a time when you followed earthly wisdom instead of God's wisdom? What happened?

Can you think of a time when you followed God's wisdom, even though it was different from the advice you received from others? What happened?

5. In what areas in your life (thoughts, words, relationships, etc.) do you need to have and demonstrate God's wisdom? Explain your answer.

6. There are four fundamental sources we use for acquiring "wisdom": senses (what I feel), self (what I think), society (what others think), and Scripture (what God thinks). Talk about your use of these sources in your life. What really is your primary source of wisdom?

7. Specifically, what can you do this week to seek and find God's wisdom? Here are some practical, biblical ways you can seek and gain God's wisdom:
 - Meditate in Proverbs, one chapter a day for a month and then repeat that for the rest of your life.
 - Read all of Scripture. Develop a habit of regular Bible reading.
 - Read godly writers (**2 Timothy 4:13**).
 - Hang out with godly people (**Proverbs 13:20**).
 - Accept counsel from wise people (**Proverbs 24:6**).
 - Fear the Lord (**Proverbs 1:7**).
 - Ask God for wisdom (**James 1:5**).
 - Apply the knowledge you already have (**John 14:21**).
 - Value, treasure and honor wisdom (**Proverbs 2:1-5**).

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Psalms 54-56; Romans 3**
- **Psalms 57-59; Romans 4**
- **Psalms 60-62; Romans 5**
- **Psalms 63-65; Romans 6**
- **Psalms 66-67; Romans 7**
- **Psalms 68-69**
- **Psalms 70-71; Romans 8**