

Gaining True Wisdom pt.4

Review...

I. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

Four worldly philosophies...

- 1. INDIVIDUALISM – I live for myself.**
- 2. SECULARISM – God is not necessary.**
- 3. RELATIVISM – There is no absolute truth.**
- 4. TOLERANCE – All ideas are equally right and true; politically correct.**

II. We can learn true wisdom from those who fear the Lord!

Challenge 1: Learn from those who fear the Lord!

Challenge 2: As someone who fears the Lord, you also invest yourself into someone else who needs to grow in the Lord.

Challenge 3: Parents, teach your children to fear the Lord!

III. Why is God's wisdom so needed?

- 1. God's Wisdom puts us on the right path pointing us in the right direction!**
- 2. God's Wisdom gives us God's perspective and insight on life!**
- 3. God's Wisdom teaches us how not to do stupid stuff!**
- 4. God's Wisdom increases and grows in our lives; the wise can become wiser.**

IV. We must answer wisdom's cry!

Wisdom is crying out to reach us!

V. Wisdom remembers the spiritual law of sowing and reaping!

Galatians 6:7 (ESV) - Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Proverbs 1:22-28 (MSG) - "Simpletons! How long will you wallow in ignorance? Cynics! How long will you feed your cynicism? Idiots! How long will you refuse to learn? About face! I can revise your life. Look, I'm ready to pour out my spirit on you; I'm ready to tell you all I know. As it is, I've called, but you've turned a deaf ear; I've reached out to you, but you've ignored me. "Since you laugh at my counsel and make a joke of my advice, how can I take you seriously? I'll turn the tables and joke about your troubles! What if the roof falls in, and your whole life goes to pieces? What if catastrophe strikes and there's nothing to show for your life but rubble and ashes? You'll need me then. You'll call for me, but don't expect an answer. No matter how hard you look, you won't find me.

Galatians 6:7 (ESV) - Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Proverbs 1:29-32 (MSG) - "Because you hated Knowledge and had nothing to do with the Fear-of-God, because you wouldn't take my advice and brushed aside all my offers to train you, Well, you've made your bed—now lie in it; you wanted your own way—now, how do you like it? Don't you see what happens, you simpletons, you idiots? Carelessness kills; complacency is murder.

Heb. 10:26-27 (ESV) - "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

1. Those who fear the Lord will come to know Him so well that they will know His thoughts!

Proverbs 1:23 (ESV) If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

Proverbs 1:23 (NLT) - Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (ESV)

9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

10 THESE THINGS GOD HAS REVEALED TO US THROUGH THE SPIRIT. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

2. Those who fear the Lord can have real peace!

Proverbs 1:33 (MSG) - First pay attention to me, and then relax. Now you can take it easy—you're in good hands."

VI. Wisdom is motivated and demonstrated by love and faithfulness!

Proverbs 3:3-4 (ESV)

3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (MSG) - Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people.

Proverbs 20:6 (ESV) - Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

Rom. 5:8 (ESV) - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV) - Moreover, it is REQUIRED of stewards that they be found faithful.

Gal. 5:16-18 (ESV)

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

1 John 1:9 (ESV) - If we confess our sins, he is FAITHFUL and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mt. 25:21 (ESV) - His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT) - As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Proverbs 16:6 (ESV) - By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.