

Gaining True Wisdom Pt.5

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

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

III. Why is God's wisdom so needed?

IV. We must answer wisdom's cry!

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

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

VII. We must trust and rely fully on God alone with absolute confidence!

Proverbs 3:5-8 (ESV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (MSG)

[5] Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

[6] Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

[7] Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!

[8] Your body will glow with health; your very bones will vibrate with life!

1. Confess and repent of your sin of independence and self-reliance!

Proverbs 3:7 (ESV) - Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Romans 14:23b (ESV) - For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

2. Keep the lines of Communication open with God!

Proverbs 15:8 (ESV) - The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him.

Proverbs 15:8 (MSG) - God can't stand pious poses, but he delights in genuine prayers.

VIII. We must truly know that everything belongs to God including wealth and possessions and is ours on loan!

Proverbs 3:9 (MSG) - Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.

Job 31:24-25 (ESV)

24 "If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence,
25 if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much,

Job 31:28 (ESV) - this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.

Psalms 24:1-2 (ESV)

1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

1 Corinthians 10:26 (ESV) - For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

Job 1:21 (ESV) - And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Matthew 25:28 (ESV)

28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

1. Walk in the fear of the Lord!

Proverbs 11:4 (ESV) - Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 15:16 (ESV) - Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.

Matthew 6:24 (MSG) - You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and money both.

2. Love God and be willing to obey and work for Him!

Gen. 2:15 (ESV) - The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Gen. 3:17b (ESV) - cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

Proverbs 10:4-5 (ESV)

4 A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

5 He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.

1 Timothy 6:10 (MSG) - Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV) - Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

3. Acknowledge that you can trust God to meet your needs!

Proverbs 3:9-10 (ESV)

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce;

10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 19:17 (ESV) - He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 11:24 (ESV) - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

4. Learn the secret of contentment!

Proverbs 21:25-26 (ESV)

25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

26 All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 22:7 (ESV) - The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Proverbs 17:18 (ESV) - One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.

Proverbs 22:26-27 (ESV)

26 Be not one of those who give pledges, who put up security for debts.

27 If you have nothing with which to pay, why should your bed be taken from under you?