

Proverbs 2:1-5 tells us we have to really want wisdom.

1. Accept my word (No ifs, ands, or buts)
2. Store up my commands within you (becomes part of you)
3. Turning your ear to wisdom (actively listening for it)
4. Applying your heart to understanding (throw yourself fully into)
5. Call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
(think search party)
6. Look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure...

Wisdom results in?

Proverbs 2:7 Victory in store for the upright.

(guard and protect, pleasant, good, and straight paths)

“Pursue wisdom with the determination of an Olympian striving for gold, for it will lead you to triumph in many endeavors.”

Seeking wisdom is its own reward even when life is tough.

Just as seeking gold at the Olympics is its own reward. (10%)

Salvation is by grace, but wisdom is earned.

"Grace grants salvation without cost; wisdom, like a harvest, is earned through diligent toil."

"Salvation is a gift bestowed by grace; wisdom is a treasure unearthed by perseverance."

"Grace opens the door to salvation freely; wisdom builds its house through relentless pursuit."

FINAL THOUGHTS Proverbs 3:1-10 p. 987

“The Depth and Breadth of Wisdom”

206 Nations & Territories (e.g. US Virgin Islands)

(Sporting News)

Like the Olympics spans the whole world,
the breadth of wisdom encompasses the whole of our lives.

Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart...Heart = "lev" encompasses the whole person, including the mind, will, emotions, and understanding.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; (not just the inner life, but material outer world)

Sermon Notes 8-04-2024

FIRST THOUGHTS Proverbs 1:1-7 p. 984

“The Beginning of Wisdom”

Actions speak louder than words.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. (Ch)

A person who sells eggs should not start a fight in the market. (Af)

One kind word can warm three winter months. (Ja)

A **proverb** is a short saying that expresses a truth or piece of advice based on common sense or cultural experience. Proverbs often metaphor and imagery to convey their meanings. They are used offer advice and impart wisdom.

The Book of Proverbs as found in the Bible seeks to impart wisdom (51 times), knowledge (39), and understanding (35)

Not in accordance with human understanding or particular culture but God's understanding of what is true and makes sense.

Proverbs state that the beginning of wisdom, knowledge and understanding comes with “the fear of the Lord.”

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Fear of the Lord? - A loving reverence for God that includes submission to his lordship and to the commands of his word.

(NIV Study Bible)

Two words – Awe & Obedience

FURTHER THOUGHTS Proverbs 2:1-15 p. 986

“The Desire for Wisdom”

Paris Olympics

To compete in the Olympics, you really have to want it.

For many it is their life.

Or if not, then it is the primary thing in their life.

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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Starting today, **the recorded organ music** is being provided by **Dan Darty**. Dan has agreed to record for us at a very nominal fee of \$100 per month. Thanks Dan!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Session and most committees not meeting in July there is **no August Newsletter**. The August Calendar can still be found on the Church Website and we are printing the Birthdays and Anniversary's weekly in the announcements.

This Weeks' Birthdays: 6th Rick Kann

7th Eric Bear

Happy Anniversary to Hale & Lynette for Aug 6th

August 11 Worship and Picnic

Colonel Denning State Park, Pavilion 1

No 8:30 Worship

9:30 Bird Walk with Pastor Vern

10:30 Worship Service and the picnic to follow.

BINGO will follow the picnic. Bring friends!

SAVE THE DATE:

September 15 Movie Matinee following the 10:15 Worship Service. We will supply hot dogs, barbecue, drink. Attendees bring desserts.

October Pumpkin Bash before the Halloween Parade.

November 17 Invite Friends to Worship Sunday.

A small meal of soup, bread, dessert, and drinks will be provided.

December 1 Decorate the church after 10:15 Worship.

December 7 Combine Family Fun Night, singing Christmas Carols and Truck Stop Cookie Ministry packing.