

The Way of Wisdom: Practical Living Before God

“Wisdom is the Goal”

Selected Scripture

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The Book of Proverbs:

- Was written by King S o l o m o n
- Is a collection of statements designed to point one to live w i s e l y
- Is concerned with the development of godly c h a r a c t e r

I should study the Book of Proverbs so that I will:

- Gain w i s d o m and d i s c i p l i n e (1:2)
- Gain i n s i g h t into life (1:2)
- To do what is r i g h t, j u s t, and fair (1:3)
- To exercise good j u d g m e n t, and c o m m o n sense (1:4)

The goal of the Book of Proverbs is:

- To teach me to be w i s e in living life (Prov 1:7; 9:10; 15:33; 16:6)
 - √ The “*fear of the Lord*” = a c o m m i t m e n t to the Lord by f o l l o w i n g His instruction (Gen 20:11; 22:12; Deut 6:1-2)
 - √ There is a difference between k n o w l e d g e and w i s d o m
 - √ *Wisdom* = the ability to put t r u t h into p r a c t i c e in p r a c t i c a l ways (Prov 6:6-8; 15:20; 16:23; 29:11)
- To develop g o d l y c h a r a c t e r in me
 - Developing *godly character* allows me to:
 - √ Continue to develop a *mature* f a i t h and l i f e s t y l e (Prov 4:5-9; 11:30; 13:20; 14:16; 21:11)
 - √ Have the *ability* to d i s c e r n the character of o t h e r s (Prov 1:8-19; 17:9; 29:24; 17:17; 22:24-25)
- To develop a m a t u r e p r o c e s s of thinking in my life.
 - √ My *thinking is consistent* with God as C r e a t o r (Prov 3:19-20; 1 Cor 14:33,40; Rom 1:26-27)
 - √ My thinking is consistent with God as the S o u r c e of L i f e (Prov 8:34-36; 14:26-27; 19:23; 16:25; Deut 30:19-20; Rom 1:26-32)

The challenge of the Book of Proverbs is...Will I choose to seek to live by G o d ' s wisdom or will I choose to live by w o r l d l y wisdom?