

God's Blessing of wisdom

ALIVE TO THRIVE: GOD'S PATTERNS FOR BLESSING
(PART 15A)
PROVERBS 3:13, PROVERBS₂

By way of review:

- For some time now we have been considering patterns of God's blessings. From these we learn of God's love for...
 - *Fruitfulness & Productivity*
 - *Forgiveness and Justice*
 - *Generosity and Faithfulness*
 - *Showing Love in Discipline*
 - *Family Relationships*

The Biblical Topic of Wisdom is Complicated...

- **...by equivocation** (One word, different meanings)
 - *There are eight Hebrew words that translate as 'wisdom'*
 - *One of the two most commonly used words means 'skill'*
 - *The second most commonly used words means to 'look at' 'behold carefully' 'to be circumspect'*
- **...by the nature of the subject**
 - *In its fullest sense wisdom includes knowledge, instruction, understanding, insight, skill, righteousness, justice, learning, guidance, precepts, sound judgment, 'know how', etc.*

Bear in Mind...

- Even as there are many things to be 'skilled' at, there are many and widely diverging kinds of 'wisdom'.
 - *X – Bezalel & Oholiab (Exodus 31:2-4)*
 - *X – Solomon (1 Kings 3:9)*
 - *X – Worldly vs Spiritual (1 Corinthians 1 & 2)*
- There are also varying 'sources' of wisdom.
 - *X – Solomon's experiment (Ecclesiastes 1 & 2)*
- Not all kinds of 'wisdom' should be pursued.
 - *X – Ecclesiastes 1:16-18*
 - *X – 1 Corinthians 14:20*

Wisdom in Its Fullest Sense

- It stands to reason fullest and most complete wisdom – the greatest skill – to have would be to be skilled at the greatest and most important things in life.
- It also stands to reason that to know about the greatest and most important things in life without exercising good judgment in them, cannot be considered wise.
- Thus in God's eyes, true wisdom consists in revering Him, treasuring Him, and having the good judgment to understand and follow His ways. (Proverbs 9:10)

Wisdom begins with the reverent pursuit of knowledge of God and skill in the things of God

*"Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding."*

(Proverbs 4:7)

- *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*
- (Proverbs 9:10)
- *... train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value,
but godliness has value for all things,
holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."*
- (1 Timothy 4:7–8)

A Baker's Dozen of Decisive Directives Driving Dutiful and Deliberate Discovery in the pursuit of Wisdom (Proverbs 2 & 3)

- 2:1 Accept the Word
- Store up Commands
- 2:2 Turn in your ear
- Applying your heart
- 2:3 Call out for insight
- Cry aloud to understand
- 2:4 Look for it as for silver
- 2:4 search for it as treasure
- 3:1 Do NOT forget
- keep the commands
- 3:2 Do NOT let Love & Faithfulness Leave You
- Bind them on your neck
- Write them on your heart



**Next Time:
The Rewards
of Finding
Wisdom**