

Lesson 2

The Storehouse for Wisdom: A Good and Honest Heart

Getting focused

Regardless of the amount of knowledge we gain from God's word, it can easily be taken away from us if we fail to keep it in the proper place. Satan attempts to rob us of wisdom by inserting things that deviate from God's instruction. Some refuse to receive God's word, but for those who have accepted the truth, Satan repeatedly attempts to sow seeds of doubt. This lures us away from God by causing us to think we are missing something while walking in the light of God's word.

The only place you can protect the wisdom you receive from God is by hiding it in a good and honest heart. This requires some preparation on our part.

The prerequisite to obtaining wisdom from God

Read Proverbs 2:1-9

First, we must recognize ourselves as children of God. The identity crises we often experience could be avoided by this simple acknowledgment. The attitude that will bring wisdom and understanding can be summarized in one word: **desire!** If we:

- Receive and value the commands (v. 1)
- Listen and apply wisdom and understanding (v. 2)
- Diligently seek to make proper decisions (v. 3)
- Search for truth above all else (v. 4)

Then, we will receive understanding and knowledge (v. 5).

The effect of the wisdom of God in your heart

Read Proverbs 2:10-22

When we adopt the proper attitude toward God and His word He transforms our life. Those foolish things we may have once engaged in no longer burden us. The knowledge and wisdom from God brings comfort and confidence.

We can rest assured if we have purposed in our heart to know and to do God's will—**we can.**

There is no reason to ever doubt that we can be victorious in our quest to **wisely discern, understand, and apply** God's word in our lives. We can receive the **abundant life** and the **spiritual blessings** He offers to us!

Wisdom is the **relationship** we are seeking to have with knowledge.

Memorize and meditate

“Discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you.”
- Proverbs 2:11

When we find ourselves in situations that call for quick decisions regarding a moral question, the wisdom acquired from God gives us the ability to make the right decision before we make the wrong decision.

Let us look ahead and perceive those who would deceive us or mislead us. Wisdom allows us to apply the knowledge that will prevent us from being deceived by those who live godless lives. A life without God is the road that leads to a point of no return. We must hide our purity and innocence within our hearts. It must be protected from those who wish to take it from us.

A contrast is shown between the condition of those who make wise decisions and those who make foolish ones. The two roads in life are the one with the good men and the one of the transgressor (vs. 20, 22)

Similar to Jesus’s sermon on the mount, the morally courageous shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5) Does Jesus imply the nature of our inheritance is more than eternity in heaven?

Questions to consider

1. Identify and discuss five things required in order to obtain wisdom.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

2. How can we prevent being led down the road with the unrighteous? _____

3. Define moral courage. _____

