

PROVERBS 2.1-5

Seeking Wisdom to Learn about God

We Must Desire the Word of God, *Proverbs 2.1*

- We must be willing to receive the word of God.
 - What does it mean to receive? How do you receive the word of God?
 - What can you do differently to be a better “receiver”?
 - What are things you can remove from your life that make you a worse “receiver”?
- We must treasure the word of God in our hearts.
 - What does it mean to treasure something? What kinds of things do people treasure?
 - Why should you treasure God’s word? What is it that makes God’s word valuable?
 - What can you remove from your life to help you treasure God’s word more?

Three Steps to Find God’s Wisdom

- #1: Attentive ears and inclined hearts
 - Jesus would often say, “He who has ears to hear...”, cf **Matthew 11.15, 13.9, 13.16**
 - We must be willing to listen to God’s word and take it as true over other sources.
 - Our hearts humble and willing to accept God’s will over our own
 - What can we do to make ourselves more attentive and inclined toward God?
- #2: Praying to God for Wisdom
 - **James 1.5** says that when we lack wisdom, we should pray to God to receive it.
 - Solomon realized he needed wisdom from God rule over Israel, **1 Kings 3.9-12**
 - Physical beings (people) need help to understand spiritual truth (knowledge of God).
 - How can we ask God for help? What must be present in our lives? What must be absent?
- #3: Seek and Search for Spiritual Understanding

- How does someone who is successful at something spend their time?
- If we want to be more spiritually focused, what does that mean about physical things?
- What is the price of becoming a spiritually wise person?
- How can we train ourselves to become more spiritually focused?
- What are some things we can start or stop doing to become more spiritually minded?

***Prayer:** God, please help us to seek and search for your wisdom. Help us to set our hearts in order to make room for your wisdom. Help us to remove anything that stand in the way. Teach us to think and act like you. Create in us the desire for spiritual truth and the wisdom of your word. Please help us, God, to be more like you and to come to know you better. Amen!*