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An Active Study in Wisdom

Proverbs part 4

Review:

Wisdom calls us to Listen, Learn, Receive, Give
Wisdom Yells at us!

If/thens:

- If I'm thirsty, then I need to drink some water.
- If I'm hungry, then I need to eat some food.
- If I'm lonely, then I need to find some community
- If I'm in need of wisdom, then I need to pursue it

Proverbs 2:1-22 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,

IF:

1. Receive my words

Psalm 73:24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Proverbs 10:8 The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

2. Treasure my commands

Luke 12:20-21 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' [21] So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

3. Always listening for wisdom

- focused on hearing God speak
- ready to listen

4. Desire to understand Godly things

- A deep desire to understand
- favorite movie, favorite restaurant, favorite vacation spot
- can you talk about and explain these things?

5. You cry out for understanding



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Jeremiah 29:12-13 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.
[13] You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

- 70 years of slavery equals deep understanding of need
- pain causes us to cry out

6. If you are a seeker and go after it like it is buried treasure
 - Treasure in the ground is still treasure, just not yours
 - It must be actively pursued

7. If you walk in integrity

Proverbs 14:2 Whoever lives with integrity fears the Lord, but the one who is devious in his ways despises Him.

- you choose the right way
- you tell the truth
- you honor others
- you make the hard decisions, not the easy ones

5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;11 discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,

THEN:

1. Then you will understand what it means to fear God
2. Then you will get to know God personally (relationships must be pursued)
 - Two kinds of relationships: those that give, those that take
3. Then God will become your shield
4. Then God will watch over you.
5. Then wisdom will come into your heart
6. Then you will enjoy knowledge
7. Then discernment will grow in you



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These attributes give protection and victory over men and women who hate God through their actions.

12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, 13 who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, 14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, 15 men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

This man:

- has perverted speech
- He could care less about righteousness
- He prefers and chooses the ways of darkness
- He enjoys evil and perverted activities
- This is the guy who is slowly killing himself and anyone close to him

16 So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; 18 for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed; 19 none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.

This woman:

- Is an adulterer. She enjoys having sex with men who are married and cheating on her husband
- Could care less about her covenant with God
- Her ways are murderous
- The pathway to her leads to those already dead

20 So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it, 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

- Those who seek God get to live in the land God has prepared
- Those who seek self are removed