

GETTING A GRIP ON LIFE John Greene, Senior Pastor

PROVERBS 4:7-8 (ESV)

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her."

TRUTH: The theme of Proverbs is "knowing how to live life well."

DEFINITION: Wisdom is seeing and responding to life from God's perspective (Proverbs 14:12).

SIX BENEFITS OF BIBLICAL WISDOM ACCORDING TO PROVERBS 3:16-18:

- 1. Longer life
- 2. Wealth

Five foundations for financial freedom:

- a) Keep good records (Proverbs 23:23).
- b) Plan your spending (Proverbs 21:5).
- c) Save for the future (Proverbs 21:20).
- d) Enjoy what you already have (Proverbs 21:17; Hebrews 13:5).
- e) Give back to God (Proverbs 3:9-10).
- 3. Honor
- 4. Pleasure
- 5. Security
- 6. Happiness
- SO, WHAT'S THE JOURNEY TO WISDOM?

I. READ THE WORD FOR THE WORD'S SAKE (Proverbs 1:1-2).

TRUTH: There are only two sources of wisdom in life: the Word of God and the world of men.

TRUTH: The wisdom of the world is foolishness to God.

TRUTH: Disciple-making isn't an event, it's a lifestyle.

DEFINITION: Bible studies help us understand the Bible. Disciple groups help us obey Jesus' command to make disciples.

II. "DO" WHAT YOU READ IN THE WORD (Proverbs 7:1-2 GN).

TWO COMMANDS HERE:

- 1. Never forget what you read.
- 2. Do what the Bible says.

III. GET TO KNOW YOUR CREATOR (Proverbs 1:7).

TRUTH: The first step in becoming wise is to trust the Lord (Proverbs 9:10 LB).