

Seeking God's Wisdom

Introduction (Text: Proverbs 2)

- A. **In our day and age, where do we go for wisdom to live by?** Can we gain insight from our world? Entertainment? Politics? Knowledge from others and their life experiences? **Proverbs 14:12** warns us: **“There is a way that appears right, but in the end it leads to death.”**
- B. **I believe the Bible is a practical book that really relates to life. Proverbs, many feel, is the most practical book within that practical Book. Proverbs 2 is especially practical. Here are six practical pointers for insight into how we can seek God's wisdom for our daily lives:**

#1: How to Find the Will of God for Your Life (Proverbs 2:1-5)

- A. **“...Accept my words.” Receive my words (have a heart open to them).**
- B. Keep them in your heart.
- C. Listen for the teaching
- D. Determine to do what you learn and God shows you (**Hebrews 11:6**).
- E. **Diligently seek to know the wisdom of God. “Then you will understand the fear of the Lord.”**

#2: How to Recognize the Things the Lord Does for Us (Proverbs 2:6-8)

- A. **He gives wisdom (James 1:5)**
- B. He is the source of knowledge and understanding
- C. **He rewards the righteous with wisdom.** If you obey what you understand, then as you live it, you will understand more.
- D. He is a defense to those who walk uprightly. He protects his people. We may not see it all in this life, but if we're faithful, we will experience it.
- E. **He keeps the paths for those who want to do right. We don't ask to escape the trials, but strength to persevere!**
- F. He preserves (protects) the way of His people (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

#3: How to Identify the Benefits of Knowing the Lord (Proverbs 2:9-12)

- A. **An understanding of right things**
- B. **“Discretion (ability to distinguish) will protect you.” If we could only learn how discretion is the better part of valor.**
- C. **“Wisdom will save you—from the ways of the wicked men, ...”**

#4: How to Know What the Wicked Are Really Like (Proverbs 2:12-16)

- A. **They speak perverse things. Any kind of perversion is to be accepted without question, even though it destroys peoples' lives (drug, sex,**

pornography, etc.) Keep accepting a little bit more and once you accept that we'll go further until you are ruined. (same sex marriage, incest, multiple partners)

- B.** They leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways.
- C.** They delight in doing wrong.
- D.** They rejoice in the perverseness of evil.
- E.** Their ways are crooked and devious.
- F.** **Wisdom will save you from the adulterous woman. This is the ways of destruction in the book of Proverbs.**

#5: *How to Identify an Immoral Woman* (Proverbs 2:16-19)

- A.** **"...wayward woman."** **She will destroy you and everything you hold dear.**
- B.** One who is seductive in her words.
- C.** **She has forgotten the covenant she made before God. Do you think he/she will be loyal to you when it becomes inconvenient?** (Example)
- D.** One who leads to eternal destruction.

#6: *How to Experience the Blessing of Doing Right* (Proverbs 2:20-22)

- A. The upright**
 - You will walk in the ways of the good.
 - Keep to the paths of the righteous.
 - Dwell (in safety) in the land.
 - The perfect (mature) shall have long life—eternity? It doesn't always seem this way in this life.
- B. The wicked**
 - Shall be cut off from the land
 - The unfaithful will be torn from it. (Eternity?) They are on a slippery slope with severe consequences now and in eternity! (Chicago-drug cartels, etc., Canaanites, Israelites)

Conclusion

The Christian has so many temptations. Here is a clear picture of right and wrong that will help us make our decisions, if we will only listen and obey.