

Acquire Wisdom

Acquire wisdom!

Acquire understanding!

Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

— Proverbs 4:5

Acquire

Acquire means to buy or trade for something. Of course, one should not think that wisdom can be purchased from a merchant, as if to say, "I'd like one bucket of wisdom, please." Nor should we think of wisdom as object to be possessed like some sort of collectable. However, the term 'acquire' is used to convey meaning. Perhaps we should look at the transaction itself.

If you had to explain the concept of buying and selling to a very young child, what would you tell them? How would you explain the exchange of money or property for something of value?

Stop!

Think about it.

When we acquire things we generally buy them with money. Or, in more general terms, we make a trade. So, whether bartering or buying, we expect a fair exchange of things of value. How is it then that a person is to *acquire* wisdom and understanding? What is to be traded?

Wisdom and understand do not come naturally. No one acquires wisdom by osmosis or gains understanding by simply *attending* church services or *sitting in* a Bible study. Yet, the value placed on wisdom and understanding is determined by whatever a person is willing to offer in exchange.

Do you find wisdom and understanding to be of superior value???

What do you possess that you can offer as a trade to acquire wisdom and understanding?

What **will** you exchange in order to...

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