

The Call For Wisdom

Proverbs 1

I. Three Goals We All Need To Have In View

Proverbs 1:2

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

A. To know wisdom

B. To know instruction

C. To perceive the words of understanding

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

II. Ten Results From Being Instructed By Wisdom

Proverbs 1:3-6

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man will hear and will increase learning and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.

6 To understand a proverb and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

III. Wisdom Has No End Just A Beginning

Proverbs 1:7

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Proverbs 9:10

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**

Proverbs 15:33

**The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom;
and before honour is humility.**

Proverbs 4:7

**Wisdom is the principal
thing; therefore get wisdom:
and with all thy getting get
understanding.**

IV. Wisdom Enables A Godly Life

A. To withstand temptation

Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

B. To walk a different way

Proverbs 1:15

**My son, walk not thou in the way with them;
refrain thy foot from their path:**

V. Wisdom Gives An Invitation

Proverbs 1:20-23

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

VI. Wisdom Gives A Sentence

Proverbs 1:24-32

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

VI. Wisdom Gives A Sentence

Proverbs 1:24-32 - continued

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

VII. Wisdom Waits To Be Heeded

Proverbs 1:33

**But whoso hearkeneth
unto me shall dwell
safely, and shall be
quiet from fear of evil.**

**What Are We
Waiting For?**

