Pursuit of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:1-7

Sermon Outline

1. Pursuing Wisdom is a Lifestyle (vs. 1-5):

   1. We must store up in our hearts what God instructs us to do (Psalm 119:11).
   2. We must view God’s Word as having tremendous value for all the decisions we need to make.
   3. We must give our full attention to being able to learn how to make the best decisions.
   4. We must seek to learn how to manage our emotions to the will of God.
   5. Understanding is balancing all the issues we experience against the knowledge of God.
   6. We must continuously seek to have a passion for a clear insight into how integrate the will of God into our day to day life.
   7. We must passionately seek to develop critical insight into what is actually taking place rather than what we observe at face value.
   8. We must put ourselves in a position to continuously be able to balance all the issues against the will of God.
   9. We must continuously be in the state of mind of diligently pursuing discernment and understanding for the purpose of storing up for the right time.
   10. The pursuit of wisdom blesses us to be able to distinguish what is good and what is evil (Hebrews 5:11-14).
   11. The pursuit of wisdom also leads to a profound reverence for God because we learn in the process how great and mighty He is.
   12. Because of all the above, we end up achieving a great relationship with God because we come to know Him.

1. God Rewards Those Who Pursue Wisdom (vs. 6-7):

   1. The Lord continuously generously provides all the attributes we need for powerful living because only He has all authority and power (Colossians 1:9-10).

      1. The Lord provides us the ability us to have the spiritual insight we need for the best decisions.
      2. Obeying God leads to a greater knowledge of God.
      3. God empowers us to be able to balance all the issues we may experience against the will of God
      4. God empowers us to remember all the wisdom, knowledge and understanding He has provided (John 14:26).
      5. Once we develop the discipline and commitment to continuously live out the standards of God, we then attain a complete understanding of how to practically apply all that we have learned.
2. Like the shield that protected a soldier at war, God protects those who are committed to walk by His standards (Ephesians 6:16 – God extinguishes ‘all the flaming arrows of the evil one.’)

3. When a believer’s lifestyle is completely surrendered to live out the principles of God, they receive full protection from God.