The Case for Wisdom
Proverbs 9:9; 21:22; 24:5

Sermon Outline

1. More Knowledge Makes a Person Wiser (Proverbs 9:9):

   1. We are commanded to correct or reprove a person who is wise. When a wise person is corrected (2 Timothy 3:16) they will become wiser.
      
      1. One of the traits of a wise man is that they desire instruction (2:1-7; 1:33).
      2. Also it is a fool who despises it (3:16; 18:2; 23:9).

   1. This is a skillful way of practically living out God’s Word.
   2. A person that is provided correction and discipline while skillfully applying God’s word would become endlessly more intelligent about the practically living out God’s principles.
   3. We are commanded to provide information to a person who is committed to live right so that they can learn to distinguish good and evil. This application becomes even more effective as this individual becomes more experienced.
   4. We are commanded to give instruction to those who respect the will of God and are willing to live in submission to the will of God.
   5. We are commanded to teach a righteous person because this would add to their learning as they purposefully live out the principles of God.

2. A Wiser Person is Strong and Powerful (Proverbs 21:22; 24:5):

   1. This is a skillful way of practically living out God’s Word.
   2. A person who skillfully applies God’s Word is with deep commitment can convincingly overcome any person who is physically stronger. This can include a person with more money, more clout or a person who has achieved a high level of success.
      

   1. A person who is wise brings down those who believe they are safe just like a military brings down an enemy who believe they have a secure location to fight. This could be a person who feels that their education can empower them against someone who may not be well educated but is wise.
   2. A wise person can effectively overcome a person who has great reasons to be confident in their beliefs, financial status and achievements or their business or political connections.
   3. A man who can skillfully and practically apply God’s Word can exert and withstand great forces that come up against them.
   4. This person who has a very good grasp of God’s Word and has a deep commitment to sustain and continue to develop a relationship with God.
5. This is a person who exhibits strength, like a military officer effectively executing their duties, who demonstrates the mental and spiritual ability to address all issues or forces that come against them.