

"MAKING LIFE WORK: PRICELESS"

Proverbs 8:11

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How do we gain wisdom?

1. By living in the fear of the Lord.

(Proverbs 2:5-6, 3:7, 9:10, 14:16, 15:33)

"To fear the Lord means to respect Him for who He is and to respond to Him in trust, worship, obedience and service. If God is not honored and His word not followed then wisdom, as the Hebrew sages defined it, can never be attained."

Sid S. Buzzell, "Proverbs, Volume 1," from
The Bible Knowledge Commentary, by John F. Walvoord
and Roy B. Zuck, Victor Books, 1985, p. 902.

2. By having a humble and teachable spirit.

(Proverbs 4:1, 9:8-9, 11:2, 13:1, 13:10)

"But wisdom is found in those who take advice."

Solomon, Proverbs 13:10

3. By knowing Christ.

(Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 1:15-16, 2:2-3)

Challenge: Read a chapter of Proverbs everyday for the month of July.

“The personification of wisdom is not just a list of rules, important as they are, or a list of proverbs, or even a sacred book, necessary as it is. The personalization of wisdom reaches its climax in the Person of Jesus Christ who is the Wisdom of God. He is the key to the universe. If you apprehend Him you will be able to fit the pieces of life together.

Thus the Christian message moves beyond the wise proverbs of Solomon, which even commend themselves to the nonbeliever, and says that in the deepest sense the wisdom of God can only be in the Person of Jesus Christ.”

Paul E. Larsen, *Wise Up and Live*,
Regal Books, Ventura, CA, 1974, p.6.