

**“Wisdom: The Prize God Loves to Give His Children, Part II”
Proverbs 9:10**

“For every pound of learning a person has, he needs ten pounds of common sense to know how to use it.”

Review:

- It's impossible for you to desire anything more important than wisdom
- Why? Because wisdom is knowing what to do in a given situation.
- God loves giving His sons and daughters the prized possession of wisdom.

2. Wisdom is yours for the asking. But wisdom is also the reward for seeking to know the mind of God in the Word of God.

Psalm 19:7

Proverbs 2:1-6

“For the Lord gives wisdom and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding” (2:6).

There are eight imperatives, commands that reveal our part in obtaining wisdom as we read the Bible:

1. “Accept my words” (v. 1)
2. “Store up my commands within you” (v. 1)
3. “Turning your ear to wisdom” (v. 2)
4. “Applying your heart to understanding” (v. 2)
5. “Call out for insight” (v. 3)
6. “Cry aloud for understanding” (v. 3)
7. “Look for it as for silver” (v. 4)
8. “Search for it as for hidden treasure” (v. 4)

“It could be merely a piece of plywood stretched across two sawhorses, but you should have a special place for Bible study – a place that doesn't have to be shared with sewing, letter-writing or paying of bills. For years, mine was just an old wooden table between an upright chest of drawers and a taller desk.

This year I fixed myself a permanent office upstairs, and my Bible study in the bedroom is now a big roll top desk I have had for years. But on this desk I have collected a number of good translations of the Bible for reference, a Bible Dictionary, a concordance and several devotional books. I also keep notebooks, a mug full of pens... When we were

in school, we always kept a notebook handy to take notes on the professor's lecture. How much more important it is to take notes when God is teaching us.

If a busy housewife has to clear off a spot for Bible study during a crowded day, she is likely to put it off. But if she has a place where her Bible is always open and handy, whenever there is a lull in the storm, she can grab a cup of coffee and sit down for a few minutes or more of pure refreshment and companionship”
(Ruth Bell Graham, *It's My Turn*, Revell, 1982, p. 170).

Proverbs 4:7

If wisdom is the ability to apply Biblical truth to all of life's situations, we have to know the Biblical truth to apply! No Word. No wisdom.

3. The defining characteristic of wisdom is reverence and awe for God.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is a reverence and trust in Him and hatred of evil because your God hates evil.

Proverbs 8:13a

Proverbs 10:27a

Proverbs 15:33

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Do you really want wisdom? The foundation on which everything rests is a Biblical view of God.

4. There is no true spiritual wisdom without salvation through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25