

5. How would you like to start or continue integrating your faith and your work?

6. In what way(s) would you like to seek wisdom more in your life in the coming weeks and months?

Prayer:

God, help me today.
Father, help me find wisdom from you as I work
Jesus, help me work as if you were doing it
Holy Spirit, help my hands be skilled to apply your wisdom
Father, help my attitude shine your light
Jesus, help me see every person around me as your image-bearers
Holy Spirit, help me today.
In Jesus name. Amen.

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



The Good Life

“How to Acquire Wisdom”
Proverbs 1:1-7

How to read Proverbs?

We need to read Proverbs with the _____ of the Lord.

We need to read Proverbs as _____, not equations.

“Proverbs are generalizations about the way life usually is rather than promises about the way it will have to be all the time.” - John Piper

We need to read Proverbs as _____.

“(Proverbs) ...help us understand that in the observations and sayings of Israel’s human elders, we will hear echoes of the divine, transcendental wisdom.”

-Whitney Woollard

We need to read Proverbs as one _____ of the dialogue.

“Proverbs (and the Song) remind the worried, the uncertain, and the cynical of positive insights and possibilities to reframe their attitudes. Ecclesiastes and Job remind the confident, the trusting, and the naive, of questions they need to take into account rather than thinking they have the truth all buttoned up.” - John Goldingay

What kind of wisdom is God interested in giving?

God is interested in your _____. (Prov. 16:3)

Proverbs 16: ³ “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

God is interested in your _____.(v. 23)

God is interested in your _____. (v. 23)

God is interested in sustaining you through _____. (v. 24)

God is interested in your _____ and that of your neighbor. (v. 26-27)

How to acquire wisdom?

1. We need to _____ wisdom. (Proverbs 2:1)

2. We need to _____ for wisdom. (James 1:5)

3. We need to _____ wisdom. (Matt. 7:24)

4. We need to _____ wisdom from others. (Prov. 27:17)

5. We need to find wisdom in _____. (Col 2:2-3)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. When you are looking for wisdom, what are some of your go-to places or people for helping you figure out a work situation, relationship problem, or general advice?

3. Read Proverbs 27:1-5. What wisdom principles do you observe in this set of verses?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:20-25. How does this insight on wisdom change or modify how you look to acquire wisdom?