



CrossRoads Notes:

Turn your Bibles to Proverbs 4:7-8

Title: A Wise Heart Cry

Theme: Grasping the Wisdom of God

Introduction: *As I think of all the wonderful promises that our Lord has given to His church, I rejoice over the fact that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him.*

(Matthew 28:18-19)

(Matthew 28:20)

(James 1:5)

The making of disciples is the greatest calling that a child of God can receive. It is just as much as a high calling as that which was given to King Solomon. Solomon was a wise king whom governed the people of God. In his early days he had a heart attitude that enabled him to receive the gift of wisdom from God.

(1 Kings 3:5)

Consider carefully how Solomon answered the Lord.

(1 Kings 3:6)

(1 Kings 3:7-9)

The Lord is pleased when His children ask for wisdom

(1 Kings 3:12)

Proposition: *I would propose to you that the church who has revelation about the Great Commission and is Illuminated by the Holy Ghost, will have the same heart cry as Solomon, "O Lord gives us wisdom. For those you have called us to disciple are your chosen people." This is the cry of the heart that should also be in parents and all who desire to enjoy the benefits of walking in obedience to God.*

Read Proverbs 4:7-8 / Pray!

Interrogative Sentence: *Just how does one receive the wisdom that Solomon wants us to come to understand? How does one come to understand God's wisdom? What is the path to wisdom?*

Grasping the Wisdom of God

Transitional Sentence: *Today's theme is "Grasping the Wisdom of God."*

(Philippians 2:5)

(1 Corinthians 1:24)

Christians who have received His wisdom are obedient children of God who have not only revelation of God's Word but also illumination. They grasp the truth of Scripture and say yes, this is true and I must do it. They have a life of stability and are useful to

the Master and they build their house on solid ground.

What is Wisdom

Transitional Sentence: *The first thing we want to consider is “What is Wisdom.”* Before the child of God can apply the disciplines of hearing and doing, they must have in their minds and hearts what wisdom really is. Wisdom is not to be confused with a “Word of Knowledge.”

(Hebrews 11:8)

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Dashboard View

Wisdom is not having God’s perspective of the whole matter before us, but having God’s perspective about what the next response should be that will honor Him. That is what will keep us usable to the Lord. Our call is to make true disciples of Christ and this involves teaching Christians what wisdom is, that right response that will make them usable to Christ.

If the child of God wants to be faithful on the path of wisdom, he must consider the outcome if he does not

Transitional Sentence: *The goal of the Christian life is to stay on the path of usefulness to God no matter what circumstances are thrown him.*

Foundational Rule:

(1 Corinthians 10)
(2 Kings 18: 11-12)
(Ezekiel 33:32)
(Luke 8:21)
(James 1:22-25)

God’s concern is whether or not his people long to be on the right path. Before He passes out His wisdom He wants to see if they have ears to hear His words. His promise of intervention and the hearing of His voice is for those who take to heart what Jeremiah wrote.

(Jeremiah 29:13)

Master Plan of Hearing and Doing

Transitional Sentence: *There are two master disciplines that will be found in the life of a Christian who embraces the wisdom of God. One is hearing and the second is doing.* Luke 8:4-21 contains some of Jesus’ first parables and He made it very clear in His “Parable of the Sower,” of the importance of the “Master Plan of Hearing and Doing.” Jesus’ “parable of the sower” can accurately be called “the parable of the soil” as well. Dr. Jim Berg: “The type of hearer and doer of the Word of God you are determines your ability to walk in the wisdom of God.” Observe carefully just what types of hearers there are out in this world.

1.) The Indifferent Hearer – The heart in this man is like a hard trodden down pathway that borders a field. This man is totally unreceptive to God’s truth. Being indifferent, the seed bears no harvest and as matter of fact, Jesus said “the devil comes and takes away the word from [his] heart, so that [he] may not believe and be saved.” (Luke 8:12)

2.) The Impulsive Hearer – The heart of this man is like a shallow field with underlying bedrock. The heat of the sun quickly dries any moisture that may be in the shallow ground and quickly bakes the plants. Jesus says this man only believes for a “...while, but in time of testing, [he] falls away.” (Luke 8:13)

3.) The Infested Hearer – The heart of this man does not produce fruit that lasts. Jesus says it is because as he lives out life, “...the worries, the riches, and the pleasures of this life...” cause this man not to mature. (Luke 8:14)

4.) The Ideal Hearer – The heart of this man receives God’s word and produces. He hears God’s Word and keeps it. Jesus says this heart is noble and good and by persevering produces a crop. It brings forth a harvest of some kind. (Luke 8:18)

Illustration: I knew of a man who had a terrible time in listening.

Christians, who will open God’s Word to find His counsel, and even take the time to write it down and then pray those instructions through, are Christians who grasp the wisdom of God and they become a blessing to the Lord’s work.

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In Closing: *The Bible says, “Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost you all you have, get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:7) I once read, “A person who is not skilled at being attentive and reflective can never be Biblically wise; he cannot be godly.” (Jim Berg)*

Illustration: Solomon (1 King 3:9)

“Understanding” or “listening” (*sama*) can be translated as “hearing to govern God’s people.” Charles Swindoll in his book “A Quest for Character” has something for us to ponder on. “What comes from the Lord because it is impossible for humans to manufacture it? Wisdom. What comes from humans because it is impossible for the Lord to experience it? Worry. What is it that brings wisdom and dispels worry? A life of worship unto God the Father, Jesus the Son and fellowship in the Holy Ghost.”

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Let us pray!

