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The Benefits Of Wisdom

We will know wisdom and instruction. (1:2a)

We will understand words of insight. (1:2b)

We will receive the instruction of justice, judgment, and equity. (1:3)

We will gain prudence, knowledge, and discretion. (1:4)

Some Thoughts About Wisdom

Wisdom is _____. (1:20-21, 23)

Wisdom can be _____. (1:24-25)

When wisdom is rejected, the results are _____. (1:26-32)

The alternative leads to _____ and _____! (3:16-18)

How to Get Wisdom

Read God's Word.

Do what it says.

Trust God.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Define wisdom in your own words.
2. Look at the four benefits of wisdom. Which one resonates the most with you?
3. Have you ever felt the pain of rejecting God's wisdom? What was that experience like?
4. Read Proverbs 1:7. How does the concept of fearing the Lord contribute to the pursuit of wisdom, and what does this "fear" truly entail?
5. Proverbs 3:13-18 describes wisdom as more precious than jewels and as a source of long life, honor, and peace. How can we cultivate a greater appreciation for wisdom in our lives, and what practical steps can we take to prioritize wisdom over material wealth?
6. Read Proverbs 3:21-26. Do you feel this kind of peace and security in your life? Why or why not?
7. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our own understanding. In what ways can relying on God's wisdom rather than our own understanding shape our decisions and actions, especially in challenging situations?
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Psalm 37:30; Proverbs 4:6-7; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Colossians 2:2-3; James 1:5, 3:17.