

Proverbs: Lessons in Wisdom from Solomon
Choosing the Wise Path
Proverbs 2:1-22

How we define wisdom will determine our worldview and will dictate our preferred sources of wisdom. The naturalist sees wisdom as an evolutionary development and will turn to science as his source. The academic sees wisdom as a function of the intellect and will turn to knowledge as his source. The secularist turns to systems, the idealist turns to philosophy, etc. But the Bible says that all of this wisdom is foolishness compared to the wisdom of God.

1. We place a _____ on God's Word
 - A. Scripture is to be _____ in our minds
 - B. Scripture is to be _____ in our hearts
 - C. Scripture is to be _____ in our study
2. We receive the _____ of God's Word
3. We experience the _____ of God's Word
 - A. He gives us _____
 - B. He gives us _____
 - C. He gives us _____

God has a plan for each of us. His plan is never deficient. His plan, when followed, will deliver us from evil that might otherwise engulf us. The Bible provides a plan that goes above and beyond our plans. Our plans cannot deliver us from evil. Knowing God's plan for us starts with knowing God and if we want to know God, we look to Jesus. The wisest step anyone can ever take is to place their trust in Jesus.

Reflection

Are there times when you can still hear an authority figure from your past warning you about a certain action? What voices or influences are driving your definition of spirituality? When we understand that all of the cultural noise around us is speaking into our lives and influencing our actions, how do we filter that noise and on what basis do we allow certain voices and disallow others? While Proverbs is not about behavior modification, what does it say that your behavior reveals? If you find yourself constantly giving in to sin, what does it say about more fundamental issues?