

Proverbs: Lessons from the Wisdom of Solomon
Wisdom is the Principal Thing
Proverbs 4:1-27

God ordained the home to be the place where children are taught the things of God. His command is given in Deuteronomy 6:7, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up." God gave us the command in Deuteronomy. He gave us the example in Proverbs.

1. Wisdom is a _____ thing
 - A. It must be _____ to each generation
 - B. It must be _____ by each generation
 - C. It must be _____ by each generation
2. Wisdom is the _____ thing
 - A. It affects our _____
 - B. It affects our _____
 - C. It affects our _____
3. Wisdom is a _____ thing
 - A. The gospel is _____ to the natural man
 - B. The gospel is _____ by faith in Christ
 - C. The gospel is _____ by the Holy Spirit

Believer's must face the challenge daily of applying godly wisdom in an ungodly culture. In many ways we have let our guard down and allowed wrong words, wrong thoughts, and wrong ideas into our hearts. These things have impacted our relationship with God and our ability to carry out His work. But the kindness of God leads us to repentance and He still has a purpose and a plan for each of us. He is willing to purify our hearts, restore our relationships, and use us for His glory. If we are willing to let Him.

Reflection

Are there things in your life that need to be realigned with God's will and wisdom for you? Since wisdom is Christ, what does it mean to marry Wisdom? How is Solomon's exhortation for his son to listen to him different from what we hear in today's culture? How can you as a parent or grandparent speak truth into the life of your child or grandchild? Solomon encourages his son to "give ear" or listen to what he is saying. Why is what we listen to so important and how should that shape what we listen to individually and as a family?