

Searching For Clues Discovering Truth

Intro: 1. Solomon was promised wisdom. We can have wisdom today also
(1 Kings 3:9)

2. He didn't want a long life, the life of his enemies or even riches, but only
3. Wisdom and understanding **(1 Kings 3:11-12)**

1. Unlocking the Mysteries

A. Riddles

- i. Riddles are things the minds of men simply cannot understand without wisdom provided by God's Word **(Pro 1:6)**.
- ii. The Bible is simple but not for those who are too lazy to study and learn to understand it's message **(2 Tim 2:15)**

B. The Bible can be understood.

1. The more we read & study the more we will understand **(2 Tim 2:15)**.
2. The treasures of wisdom from God can be discovered & retained **(Pro 2:1)**. If we choose to make God's Word a priority we will retain what we read and learn.
3. We CAN understand the Bible, if we truly desire to do so.

II. A Wise Person Knows...

A. A wise person knows the Value of God's Truth **(Pro 13:7)**

1. How can a rich person – still be poor **(Mt 16:26, Mk 10:22)**? Their love of wealth kept them from spiritual knowledge.
2. It's foolish not to include God in our plans. Notice the "I's" in **Luke 12:16-21**.

B. A Wise Person will welcome Instruction

(Pro 9:8-9; 14:6; 15:5; 18:2)

1. A wise person will "listen & learn". Only a fool rejects sound advice – not just advice but sound advice **(Pro 18:2)**.

2. To reject wisdom from others who are trying to help is foolish (**Pro 12:6, 14:16-17**).

C. A Wise Person will accept advice

1. A Wise person will accept advice & apply it-meaning actually take the advice and do whatever advice is given.
2. How many times have we heard the advice think before you speak (**Col 4:6**)? Do we always take that advice?

D. A Wise Person will flee from Evil (**Pro 4:14-19**)

1. A wise person will not play with fire (sin). They will flee from it (**Pro 4:14-15**).
2. The only wise way to defeat Satan and Sin is ... (**James 4:7, Eph 5:1**).

E. A Wise Person will find pleasure in Righteousness (**Pro 10:23; 14:9; 15:21**)

1. Some delight in sin and the sins others commit, they actually approve and/or promote sin (**Rom 1:22**).
2. We should rejoice in righteousness & truth – not sin (**1 Cor 13:6**).
3. We should rejoice in truth AND we (Christians) should find no pleasure in unrighteousness (**Jn 17:17; 6:32**).

Conc:

1. The book of proverbs has a purpose – to impart wisdom to all (**Pro 1:2-6**).
2. Are you gaining from its wisdom? From Solomon's wisdom, from God's wisdom?