

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

Seek After Wisdom Diligently

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Scripture Focus Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God

Here in this passage the wise father admonishes his son and speaks to him about the benefit of seeking after wisdom and understanding. He indicates that being wise does not come automatically but wisdom must be sought after. Wisdom is portrayed as something hidden. She needs to be sought after and looked for like a treasure as rare as silver. So the child must incline his ear to wisdom, cry after knowledge and lift up his voice for understanding. He must seek her as he would seek silver or hidden treasure. He must recognize the value of wisdom and understanding and choose to pursue them.

The Hebrew word used in our text for "wisdom" means to be ethically and religiously wise, to be subtle, or to be prudent. The Hebrew word used for "understanding" means to apply oneself to intelligence and to insight. Solomon is undoubtedly talking about godly wisdom as opposed to worldly

wisdom, and the end of godly wisdom is 'the fear of the Lord' and 'the knowledge of God'. The reference is to seeking the Lord by faith and entering into a personal relationship with Him. Biblical salvation is free and available to all. But like the pursuit of wisdom and understanding, it is not automatic either. The individual must actually seek the Lord with all of his or her heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13 says, "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

God has given to everyone a free will and the power of choice. As good and as desirable as wisdom and understanding are, He will not thrust them upon us. We must desire them and choose them above all else. Prioritizing wisdom includes laying aside things that are of lesser value which would compete for our time and attention. The relationship with God to which wisdom and understanding lead is worth our full attention and pursuit. Let us diligently pursue them as we are admonished, and eternal life will be the result.◆

PRAYER

Dear Lord, incline my heart toward the pursuit of godly wisdom and understanding that I may seek after them with diligence. Help me not to be distracted but wholehearted in my searching that I may inherit eternal life. Amen.