

Walking In Wisdom - 2

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Proverbs 9:1-12

I. Wisdom Builds

A. Who is Wisdom?

1. Jesus the Christ - 1 Corin. 1:30 - "...Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom..."

a) The Person of the Christ

(1) John 1:1-14

(a) The Word was with God from the beginning, and that same Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

(b) The Word of God always contains the wisdom of God.

b) The Gospel of the Christ - Spurgeon Quote *

(1) 1 Corin. 1:17-24

(a) The wisdom of God is what allows the gospel to be preached by unlearned men in a way that pricks and sets aflame the human heart.

(b) It can't be an indoctrination that is forced upon people. It's an anointing that empowers people to see the truth for what it really is. To see their true nature and their dyer need for a savior.

(c) The whole power of God is wrapped up in the simplicity of the Gospel, and it's all put together by God's Wisdom.

c) The indwelling of the Christ

(1) Colossians 1:23-29

(a) "What is the purpose then of this baptism of the ancient wisdom of God into the heart of a man? The old wisdom man said it was to make a man a friend of God." - A. W. Tozer

B. Quality of Wisdom's Work - Matt. 7:24-27

1. Firm and True

a) Both men build a house, and they both had to be built upon something.

(1) We don't get to build our house on thin air. We are building our house on something, and it aught to be on something solid.

b) Isaiah 28:16-18 (ESV)

(1) It's a wise man that builds on God's foundation and His cornerstone and Plumb line.

(2) Only buildings established on God's standards will survive the storms.

(a) You are God's building, His Temple, His dwelling place. Are you built on his wisdom?

2. Timeless

a) Prov. 8:22-36

(1) Jesus, who is the wisdom of God, was there even before the beginning.

- (2) Wisdom's work is not just firm enough to stand the test of time, it (He) created time.
- (3) Wisdom's work knew you before you were born and knows the exact storms that are in your future. Wisdom will build into you all that you need to stand the tests of time and living in this world
- 3. Excellence -
 - a) Exodus 35:30-35
 - (1) First mention of a man being filled with the spirit of God.
 - (2) God cared about every detail of the construction and furnishing of the tabernacle.
 - (a) It was of utmost importance when they used it, but it was also of utmost importance because it would represent something much more important.
 - b) Wisdom builds with beautiful and precious materials. Materials that last.
 - (1) Usually products that are more expensive last longer.
 - (2) Higher quality materials take more refining. Metals especially require a vigorous heating and cooling process.
 - (a) God is refining us and developing us, and He is making us more valuable and more durable in the process.
 - c) Wisdom isn't just salvaging us to make us somewhat usable. He is completely reconstructing, redesigning, refurbishing, etc.
 - (1) He doesn't just want us to be able to function. Wisdom seeks excellence and value that lasts forever.

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“...before I knew the gospel I gathered up a heterogeneous mass of all kinds of knowledge from here, there, and everywhere; a bit of chemistry, a bit of botany, a bit of astronomy, and a bit of this, that, and the other. I put them altogether, in one great confused chaos. When I learned the gospel, I got a shelf in my head to put every thing away upon just where it should be. It seemed to me as if, when I had discovered Christ and him crucified, I had got the center of the system, so that I could see every other science revolving around in order.” - Charles Spurgeon