

The Nature of Wisdom

Who Am I - 17 (7-24-24)

Proverbs 4:5-9

I. Access to Wisdom

- A. We have discussed having the mind of Christ.
- B. We have access to all wisdom
 - 1. John 14:26
- C. Wisdom is spiritual and we have the Spirit OF Wisdom living inside of us.
 - 1. The Spirit of wisdom - Eph. 1:17
 - 2. God's wisdom = Power and action, not just empty speech - 1 Corin. 2:4-10
 - a) Worldly wisdom is no match for God's wisdom!
 - b) Different sources of wisdom
 - (1) True wisdom comes from God
 - (a) Proverbs 2:6 - "For the LORD Giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."
 - (b) Colossians 2:3 - "In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
 - (2) There is a wisdom that doesn't come from God.
 - (a) James 3:13-17
 - i) We must try the Spirits! - 1 John 4:1
 - (1) Don't listen to the devilish wisdom of the world.
 - (2) Worldly wisdom will always lean toward selfish gain
 - ii) Real wisdom makes us humble
 - (1) Proverbs 11:2
 - 3. Isaiah 11:1-2
 - a) Wisdom must be pursued
 - b) Even Jesus had to grow in wisdom - Luke 2:52
 - c) Jesus, who was the embodiment of the wisdom of God, had to learn how to operate in that very wisdom.

II. The Transfer of Wisdom

- A. How do we engage this wisdom in our lives?
- B. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (AMP)
 - 1. True wisdom builds up because it functions out of love.
 - a) God doesn't upbraid us when we ask for wisdom because that's how true wisdom operates. True wisdom gives liberally. - James 1:5
 - b) Just knowledge without relationship breeds arrogance and pride.
 - (1) It's just a tool for bragging on yourself or tearing down others.
 - c) We live in a world that is swimming in information but has very little wisdom.
 - (1) Scott's story about his college class.
 - (a) He learned how to find the answers but still didn't know the material.

- (b) He had zero relationship with the concepts in that class.
- 2. 1 Kings 3:9
 - a) Solomon asked for wisdom as their national leader because he actually cared about the people. He had relationship with them and God. That is the wisdom that comes from God.
 - (1) Much of our nation's leaders today use worldly wisdom for selfish gain.
- C. Wisdom transfers via relationship
 - 1. Proverbs 13:20 - "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise..."
 - 2. By pursuing Jesus, we are pursuing wisdom.
 - a) Jesus is the wisdom of God.
 - (1) 1 Corin. 1:24 - "... Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."
 - 3. We know to turn to God with big issues in life. Where we tend to fail is in the little things. Each moment and each little decision. It is in the small, daily matters of life that relationship is built.
 - a) We would do well to develop the habit of turning to God for even the smallest decisions from day to day.
 - (1) Perhaps if we did this, there would be less "big" issues to call on Him for.
 - 4. Scott - "Wisdom builds things that lasts."