

SERIES: WISDOM: The Key To A Happy Life

## “How Do I Get Wisdom?”

Proverbs 4:7-12

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**James 1:5** “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”

### I. WISDOM STARTS WITH JESUS

**1 Corinthians 1:30** NLT “God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.”

**A.** Being UNITED With Jesus

**B.** Jesus Is THE WISDOM OF GOD

**C.** Jesus PREPARES Us For Wisdom

-**RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Made right with God

-**SANCTIFICATION:** Made pure and holy

-**REDEMPTION:** Freed us from sin

**Proverbs 4:7** “The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,”

### II. WISDOM IS SOMETHING YOU GROW IN

**A.** If You Don’t WANT IT, You Won’t GET IT

**Proverbs 4:8** “Prize [wisdom] highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.”

**1 Corinthians 9:24** “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.”

**B.** Pursue KNOWLEDGE And EXPERIENCE

**Proverbs 4:10–12** “Hear, my son, and accept my words... I have taught you the way of wisdom... When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.”

**C.** Ponder Truths Of LIFE And DEATH

**Psalm 90:12** NLT “Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.”

**Proverbs 8:35–36** “For whoever finds me [wisdom] finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”

#### THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

**1. Talking about Death?** Discuss with your family and friends this week why our culture doesn’t like to talk about death. Why is that?

**2. Wisdom Starts with Jesus.** Do you really want wisdom? If you don’t want it, you won’t get it. Prize Jesus (the wisdom of God) above anything else and you will find favor with God and have a full life.