

Next: The Key to Making Right Decisions
Pastor Dennis Rouse
September 7-8, 2019

The Key to Making Right Decisions: Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-18 NIV

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Proverbs 16:25 NIV

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 26:12 NIV

Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Best Question Ever: “What is the wise thing to do?”

Ephesians 5:15-17 NIV

Be very careful, then, how you live—NOT AS UNWISE BUT AS WISE, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

Proverbs 8:1-11 NLT

Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads. By the gates at the entrance to the town, on the road leading in, she cries aloud, “I call to you, to all of you! I raise my voice to all people. You simple people, use good judgment. You foolish people, show some understanding. LISTEN TO ME! For I have important things to

tell you, Everything I say is right, for I speak the truth and detest every kind of deception. My advice is wholesome. There is nothing devious or crooked in it. My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those with knowledge. Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. NOTHING YOU DESIRE CAN COMPARE WITH IT.”

3 Ways We Grow in Wisdom:

1. Meditations

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Proverbs 28:26 NKJV

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Proverbs 12:1 NLT

To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.

Proverbs 6:9-12 NLT

But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber...

2. Associations

Proverbs 13:20 MSG

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

3. Dedications

Proverbs 3:5-7 NKJV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes ...