

## Proverbs Week #75 (8:10-11)

*Receive my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies, and desirable things cannot be compared to her. Prov 8:10-11*

In Psalm 33 we learned, “the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.” (Psa 33:4) This verse reminds us that **the character of God backs the words of God**. We know that wisdom has great value because God teaches us that it does in His inspired Word. Does that statement make sense to you? How much value do you place on Wisdom?

As I mentioned last week, I want to review the first few verses of the Book of Proverbs in order to refocus our attention on the goals or purpose of this book.

*The Proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: to learn wisdom and moral instruction, and to discern wise counsel. To receive moral instruction in skillful living, in righteousness, justice, and equity. To impart shrewdness to the morally naive. Proverbs 1:1-4*

We are given here a purpose for this inspired collection of proverbs. These few verses establish the goal and result which enrolling in its course of study will produce. What lofty goals these verses provide! God inspired lofty goals -- to attain wisdom and discipline, to apply what we learn, and to help others learn. Can that be done? Can we actually make such an acquisition in this life? The answer is a resounding YES!

### **Action Items – Learn, discern, receive, impart:**

Memorize these four things and make them goals for this study.

- 1) To learn wisdom and moral instruction [לְדַעַת חֵכְמָה וּמוֹסֵר] – to know wisdom and discipline]
- 2) To discern wise counsel [לְהִבִּין אִמְרֵי בִינָה] to cause to understand the speech of understanding]
- 3) To receive moral instruction in skillful living [לְקַחַת מוֹסֵר הַשְּׂכִל] to take the discipline of the wise], in righteousness, justice, and equity
- 3) To impart shrewdness to the morally naive [לְתַת לְפְתָאִים עֲרֻמָּה] to put or set to the naive craftiness]

Help make Wisdom a top priority in your family and our community. Start by letting the Bible define what Wisdom is, does, and teaches. I want to suggest that a major part of doing something with what we learn from the book of Proverbs involves changing the way we think about things and the way we act. In that respect, the actions to be done are more what the Proverbs do for us than what we do for them. They are here to serve us. Our responsibility is to listen and learn from them (which in reality is learning to listen and learn from God) and to grow in maturity according to the standards God sets for us in them.

*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Yeshau our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

2 Peter 1:2-4

### **Suggested Activities for families:**

If you have not already done so, memorize Proverbs 1:2-4, post it on note cards or print the verses from a computer and place it in strategic areas of your home – in the kitchen, on the bathroom mirror, in children’s play areas, or any other prominent place. Be creative and consider using clip art or other artwork to illustrate or teach these four concepts and to help get more of the family involved.