

Wisdom, the Principal Thing

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ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

The Wisdom of the Book of Proverbs

You must know what to do

- What you need to know and do to resolve the problem (Apply Proverbs to your life)
 - **Hos.4:6**- My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge
- Do you lack Wisdom? **Pro.4:5-7** – Wisdom is the principal thing
 - **Pro.2:6-12** – The Lord gives wisdom and preserves you
 - **Pro.1:7** – Fools despise wisdom – They are committed to their ways
 - FOOL = perverse, foolish = someone who does not heed God's wisdom or instructions
 - Fools don't want to change
 - Fools make up excuses
 - Fools say; I think - It ought to be – It seems like
 - Fools never say: the Bible says – Because it works
 - **Ps.107:17** – Fools because of their transgressions... are afflicted
 - **Pro.19:29** – Stripes are for the back of fools
 - **Pro.13:20** – He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed
 - **Pro.16:22** – The correction of fools is folly –
 - Don't waste your time - many people get offended if you try to help them (ego)
 - FOOLS LEARN ONLY BY CONSEQUENCES –
 - Parents bailing out their children ensure that they will be failures and remain fools
 - Another word: SIMPLE = naïve, deluded, open to deception
- AS YOU READ PROVERBS
 - Ask yourself do I do this thing that fools do?
 - What is the opposite of what a fool does?
 - Start PUTTING OFF AND PUTTING ON these actions, thoughts, emotions
 - PUT ON: **Gal.3:27** – Christ, **Eph.4:24**, **Col.3:10-12, 14** the new man and love, **Eph.6:11** – The whole armor of God, **1Pet.5:5** – humility,
 - PUT OFF: **Eph.4:22**, **Col.3:8-9**, **2Pet.1:14**

Questions to Consider

1. Why is wisdom the principal thing?
2. Can you know something and not benefit from it?
3. Please describe the process by which we obtain wisdom.
4. Can you identify areas in which your foolishness has afflicted your life?
5. Have you ever tried to help somebody and found that they were not interested?
6. In these cases what did you do?
7. Please explain the difference between the simple, the fool and the wise as demonstrated in the book of Proverbs
8. Please explain the concept of “putting off” and “putting on”. How is this connected with obedience?