

Treasuring Wisdom – Proverbs: Wisdom for Life.

Proverbs 2:1-22

Sunday: 09/15/24 – Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

Diligently seek and internalize wisdom to gain the riches of wisdom and to protect you from deadly seduction.

Overview

This week, Pastor Lenard taught us from Proverbs 2. In this Proverb, the father continues to train and encourage his son.

As part of our Wisdom for Life series, we learned that what we treasure will greatly impact our lives, and we are to diligently seek the Lord's wisdom. Pastor Lenard mentioned that in Hebrew, this passage is one long run-on sentence, which emphasizes the continuous flow of thought and instruction. The message can be divided into two parts. The first half encourages us to seek out wisdom, with promises of understanding, knowledge of the Lord, and wisdom resulting in godly character and discretion. The second half speaks to the protection wisdom provides from the traps of worldly desires, which can lead us astray. The father desires that his son listens, seeks the Lord, and walks through life with Him.

"Paths of the wicked are nicely decorated"

Sermon Outline

1. You can diligently seek wisdom (v1-4): *Psalm 119:11, Colossians 3:16*
 - a. Promise: You will fear and know the Lord (v5-8): *Philippians 2:12-13, James 1:5*
 - b. Promise: You will have godly character and discretion (V9-11)
2. You can be protected by wisdom: *Genesis 3:6*
 - a. Promise: Protection from perverse men (v12-15): *Psalm 16:1-2*
 - b. Promise: Protection from seductive women (v16-19): *Psalm 16:11*
 - c. Promise: Life with God (v20-22): *2 Timothy 2:22*

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Lenard opened his message with the question "What do you value most?"
 - a. How do you answer that question and why?
 - b. How does time spent relate to value? (If someone was to look at a calendar that tracked your non-working time for the last few weeks what would your calendar reveal about how you spend your time?)
2. In the passages we studied, the father gives his son both instruction and warnings, placing personal responsibility on the son to seek wisdom and treasure God's word. How does this emphasis on personal responsibility relate to a Christian's walk with God?
3. Concerning the perverse men and seductive women, Pastor Lenard spoke about the "motivations" of love and respect being behind adultery for men and women, ultimately speaking to the desire for acceptance.
 - a. How can a Christians guard against these destructive motivations in their relationships?
4. The temptation from this message is to "do more," read my Bible, pray more, etc.... The concept of treasuring speaks to the heart and what motivates us.
 - a. How can you develop a spirit of treasuring God's Word?
 - b. What role does our church family play in this area of our lives?
5. Did anything else stick out in the message or passage?

Fear of the Lord -> Wisdom -> Character -> Discretion and Understanding -> Integrity