

## Part 12: My Life and the Word of God (Proverbs 30:5-6)

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### Proverbs 30:5-6 (NIV)

*Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.  
Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.*

### Declarations About the Word of God in Our Pursuit of Wisdom

- \_\_\_\_\_ is our great goal—but following God's Word runs counter to the world.

- The finite mind can neither derive nor verify \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 16:16-17** *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being..."*

**Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight*

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the only authentic reality—and the total and final sufficient source of all wisdom.

— Genesis 1:1, John 1:14, Colossians 1:15

- God's Word—the Bible—is the \_\_\_\_\_ for one's life.

**Psalm 119:9-11** *How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.  
<sup>10</sup> I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands.  
<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

**Psalm 119:105** *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

- God's eternal & infinite truth is foolishness to the world—\_\_\_\_\_ to anyone who listens.

**1 Corinthians 1:18-19** *The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. <sup>19</sup>As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."*

# Digging Deeper With Your Group and On Your Own

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- Make a list of the things that shape your thinking in your everyday life.
  - What you watch? Read? Listen to? Fill your time and mind with?
  - How much time each day would you estimate that you spend doing these things?
- Are there commercials (the world's messaging) that make you nervous or insecure, or make you want to act on them? (*Insurance...buy gold...house gutters are wrong on your house...anything!*)
  - Tell of a time you reacted to a news announcement or a commercial and followed its lead. Did it help you? Did you regret it? Was it a waste of time and money? These could be good things, slightly mundane or irrelevant things—or maybe you jumped in too far with it (remember the Y2K crisis?).

**Study the passages below.** Find them in your Bible. Examine them, highlight them, and discuss some of their implications on your life in regard to God's Word:

- **Proverbs 30:5-6** *Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*
- **Isaiah 40:8** *"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."*
- **Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*
- **2 Timothy 3:14-17** *But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*
- **2 Timothy 4:3-5** *For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths. <sup>5</sup> But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.*

Pass out the document, "**How to Read your Bible**" (also available as a PDF). Take a few minutes to look over the overview.

## ON YOUR OWN:

- Read through the document, "**How to Read your Bible.**" Do you have a habit and a systematic plan to be a lifetime student of God's Word? Would this system be helpful? Are you ready to commit to being a student of God's Word for the rest of your life?
- Memorize **Proverbs 30:5**.