

Part 9: The Anatomy of Wisdom

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What is wisdom?

- Wisdom is doing the right _____, in the right _____, at the right _____, for the right _____.

Proverbs 21:1-3

*¹ The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD;
He turns it wherever He pleases.*

- Your anatomy (the way God designed you) has a hidden inner world—your heart—that is compared to an underground spring: it flows up from the depths, brings up what was hidden inside, and is the source of your creative or destructive activity in the world.

- Your inner world is not hidden from God, and he can reach in and direct the flow.

² Every person's way is right in his own eyes, but the LORD examines the hearts.

- Until you act, the contents of your heart remain a secret to the outside world.

³ To do righteousness and justice

Is preferred by the LORD more than sacrifice.

- Acting deceptively cannot fool God because he can see the contents of your heart.

How does one become wise?

- To become wise we must first be _____. The fool has to _____.

John 4

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life."

A CALL TO ACTION!

Proverbs 4:20-27

*²⁰ My son, pay attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.*

*²¹ They are not to escape from your sight;
Keep them in the midst of your heart.*

*²² For they are life to those who find them,
And healing to all their body.*

*²³ Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life.*

*²⁴ Rid yourself of a deceitful mouth
And keep devious speech far from you.*

*²⁵ Let your eyes look directly ahead
And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.*

*²⁶ Watch the path of your feet,
And all your ways will be established.*

*²⁷ Do not turn to the right or to the left;
Turn your foot from evil.*

QUESTIONS for discussion:

- What can I do to practically invite God into the secret spaces of my heart?
- What changes do I need to ask God to make in my heart, and how will that be expressed in action in my life for others to see?
- Am I offering the people in my life, my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the water of life or bitter water to drink?
- What disciplines might I need to include to raise the level of my intentionality in learning from Jesus and growing as a disciple?