

IN ALL YOUR GETTING GET UNDERSTANDING

Get Understanding

- I. **God places a high priority and high value on wisdom and understanding and on us getting it-Pr4:5-Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.**

A. Wisdom and understanding defined

1. Four things:

- a. Prudence- Selecting the most suitable means to accomplish a purpose; Foreseeing
- b. Deal wisely-This is knowing what to do to get to your desired results
- c. Discretion-To judge critically what is correct and proper
- d. Skillful-Knowing or being knowledgeable

2. Wisdom and understanding is just not knowledge of God Himself-It's knowledge of spiritual things, it's knowing how things work, it's knowing how to deal wisely to get a desired result, it's being knowledgeable in spiritual laws and principles and how to work them to help me in this life, it's foreseeing the consequence of a measure

3. Example of having wisdom and understanding-If I have a decision to make in my life and I don't know what I should do wisdom and understanding is knowing the steps I need to take, to get the direction from God that I need to make the right decision. It's knowing that God has laid up wisdom for me, knowing that He will give it to me liberally, knowing I have to ask for it in faith, knowing that getting quiet before Him positions me to hear from Him, knowing how to get quiet before Him

B. There's great benefits to having wisdom and understanding

1. Protection-Pr2:11-Discretion will preserve you, understanding will keep you; Pr4:6-Forsake her not, and she shall preserve you: love her, and she shall keep you
2. Prosperity-Pr4:8-Exalt her and she will promote (lift you up) you: she will bring you to honor, when you do embrace her; Pr3:16-Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor
3. To lack wisdom and understanding is costly-Pr19:3-KJ-The foolishness of man perverts his way; MSG-People ruin their lives by their own stupidity

C. We should place a high value on wisdom and understanding because God does-Pr3:15-She is more precious than rubies: and all the things you can desire are not to be comparted unto her; Pr2:2-Incline your ear unto wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; AC-Apply all your powers in your quest for it