

FOOL PROOF

THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS



Proverbs 2



- **We are born fools, way too influenced by other people**
- **We either conform to truth and reality or try to bend reality to our will**
- **We must submit to Scripture as supreme in its power to change my heart and to reveal God to my heart**
- **The Proverbs give us general truths and values that must be applied with wisdom**

- **God is the source of wisdom**
- **Learning how to make real choices in real life; discerning the subtleties of life and how to apply God's truth to it**
- **Is your approach to wisdom pagan?**
- **Prov 1-5- cultivate it, seek it; daily commitment to train your mind to apply God's truths to everyday life**
- **God will show up when we need him, but the emphasis of Scripture is to train the mind and heart to wisdom**

Proverbs 2:1-6

2:1 My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, 2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; 3 For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; 4 If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- **These commands tell us go to GET wisdom**
- **Wisdom is in the commands of Scripture**
 - **Choose some section and mine out the wisdom from it!**
- **Do you see God's commands/wisdom as treasure?**
- **Turn your ear= you choose who you listen to**
 - **Who are you giving authority to speak into your life?**
- **Are you pursuing wisdom with the same fervency that you pursue money?**

Proverbs 2:7-10

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,* 8 Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. 9 Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and every good course.* 10 For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

- **Wisdom eventually enters your heart and is pleasant to your soul**
- **We have so much to unlearn and so far to go to learn God's ways**
- **Wisdom enters us and we BECOME what it teaches (2 Cor. 3:18)**
- **The hardest parts of Scripture become pleasant to us**

- **What benefits come into your life with wisdom?**
- **God is our shield**
- **God preserves our way**
- **God delivers us**
- **If you refuse to listen, you will expend God's gracious patience and lose what you already have**
- **Listening to wisdom starts with the cross of Christ**