

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 8, 2018
Living Your Best Life
Teaching Series
“The Principal Thing”

Proverbs 4:7

⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Principal; _____

Coming from Proverbs written by Solomon who has been regarded for his wisdom. This means something. Wisdom then must be the foundation on which success is achieved. Lives are advanced for the good and ministry is actualized when these principles of wisdom are on display.

Get Wisdom, don't forget it, don't forsake her, Love her, she will preserve you and keep you.

If you Exalt her she will _____ you and bring you honor when you _____ her.

Wisdom; The quality of having experience, knowledge and good judgment; _____ of an action or decision.

I. Give Me Now Wisdom

II Chronicles 1:1-13

Wisdom is knowing what to do, when to do it and why we are doing what we are doing.

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

II. Happy is the man...

Proverbs 3:13-18; 21-23

Profit and loss are determined by wisdom, length of days are attributed to her and peace and happiness are guaranteed to them that lay hold to it.

Proverbs 24:3-6

³ Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

⁴ And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵ A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

⁶ For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Who would not want to be wiser?

III. Ask

James 1:5

⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

The Three Degrees of Wisdom by William Douglas and Ruben Teixeira

- 1. The first degree of wisdom is having wisdom in general, the necessary knowledge, good sense, and information to make the right choices and have the right attitudes in life.*
- 2. The second degree of wisdom is a professional competence relating specifically to knowledge of how to work, which requires intelligence (in the sense of adaptation) and skill.*
- 3. The third degree of wisdom involves in-depth knowledge, at the intimate level, of the necessary areas and people required for success.*

The way to acquire these three levels of wisdom is to develop the ability to seek learning. You must be willing and humble enough to be open to learning, which will involve studying, reading the Bible, examining your own experiences, and heeding the advice of a mentor, coach, teacher, friend, or coworker.

Proverbs 10:13-14

¹³ In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

¹⁴ Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

IV. Bring me a sword...

I Kings 3:16-28

1 Kings 3:9 (Solomon's Prayer...)

⁹ Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

V. Better Than Strength

Ecclesiastes 9:16-18

VI. Grow in Wisdom (Matthew 9:13)

Luke 2:52

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Ephesians 1:17-19