

# **THE RICHES OF WISDOM**



**KNOWING GOD  
&  
HIS WILL**

# THE WISDOM OF GOD



**ROM 11:33**

**“O THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES  
BOTH OF THE WISDOM AND  
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! HOW  
UNSEARCHABLE ARE HIS  
JUDGMENTS, AND HIS WAYS PAST  
FINDING OUT!”**

# Understanding Wisdom



**WHAT IS WISDOM?**

**WHERE DO I FIND WISDOM?**

**WHY DO I NEED WISDOM?**

**WHAT DOES IT COST TO OBTAIN WISDOM?**

# What is Wisdom?



- Biblical Wisdom is **applied knowledge** (cf. Prov 1:1-6).
  - This application of knowledge results in “**skilled living.**”
- Wisdom involves **intelligence and moral integrity** (cf. Prov 8:7-9).
- Wisdom involves **expertise and discipline** in all areas of life!
- Wisdom yields a life of **discipline and order** that is pleasing to God.
- Wisdom begins with a **fear of the Lord** (cf. Prov 9:10).
  - Godly fear is reverential awe and respect. It is one motivator for Godly living (cf. Heb 12:28-29).

# Where do I find Wisdom?



- From the Lord – Via His Word!
- **Psalm 90:12** “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto **wisdom**.”
- **James 1:5** “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.”
- **Colossians 2:2-3** “2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge.”

# Why do I need Wisdom?



- To avoid being a fool! Prov 1:7; 3: 35; 1 John 2:28
- To live a happy and fulfilled life! Prov 3:13
- To understand the will of the Lord! Eph 5:15-17
- To please the Lord in daily life! Prov 14:35
- To live a life acceptable to the Lord! Matt 7:24
- To be eternally rewarded! Prov 14:24; Matt 24:42-47; Rev 3:21
  - To hear “well done **wise** and faithful servant,” receiving an inheritance – ownership with the Lord in His kingdom – is the ultimate reward one can fathom.

# What does it cost to obtain Wisdom?



- **Our life** is the cost for wisdom! Matt 7:24-25; 16:24-27; Luke 9:23-26
- We must be willing to seek wisdom **above** all other things! Prov 4:7
- We must see **wisdom's value** and incorporate it in our lives! Prov 7:1-4
  - This means a radical change of perspective and lifestyle!
- Obtaining wisdom is **paramount** ! Prov 4:5-13
- *Seek it!* – with all your heart – **the temporal cost is worth the eternal riches you will find!** Matt 6:19-20, 33; 7:24-25