

SERMON TITLE:

"Know What You Know!!!"

TEXT(s):

**Proverbs 22:17-21;
I Peter 3:15**

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT(S):

Proverbs is a book of Wisdom!

What is wisdom?

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Dictionary Definition of Wisdom:

- > accumulated philosophic or scientific knowledge;
- > judgement, insight, discernment,

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Colloquial Definition of Wisdom:

- => Guidance, advice, counsel that causes physical, mental, and spiritual health and wellness;
- => Knowing what to do with accumulated truths, facts, figures, and principles;
- => Good, basic common sense

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT(S):

Benefits of Wisdom:

2:5: "...then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of GOD."

4:8: "...she will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you."

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT(S):

3:1-4: "...and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of GOD and man."

4:20-22: "...for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh."

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT(S):

7:1-3: "...keep my commands and live..."

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT(S):

How Does One Get Wisdom?

1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

9:10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

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How Does One Get Wisdom?

James 1:5:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

SERMONIC POINT #1:

The People of GOD must TRUST GOD!

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Proverbs 22:19:
"So that your trust may be in the Lord;"

SERMONIC POINT #1:

Proverbs 3:5-6:
"Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, lean not to your own understanding; in ALL of your ways acknowledge GOD and HE will direct your paths."

SERMONIC POINT #2:

"...the WORDS of TRUTH..."

What are they???

SERMONIC POINT #2:

Psalms 119:1-8

**"...testimonies...,
...judgements...,
...commandments...
...statutes..."**

SERMONIC POINT #2:

Psalms 119:105:

"For the Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway."

SERMONIC POINT #2:

John 1:1:

"In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with GOD and the WORD was GOD."

SERMONIC POINT #3:

"... KNOWING the CERTAINTY of the Words of Truth,"

SERMONIC POINT #3:

Definition of Epistemology:

=> a branch of philosophy that investigates the origin, nature, methods, and limits of human knowledge.

SERMONIC POINT #3:

Definition of Epistemology:

- => senses;
- => tangible experiences;
- => blind faith;
- => replicability & reliability;

SERMONIC POINT #4:

"... ANSWERING those who send to you with the Words of Truth,"

SERMONIC POINT #4:

Luke 12:10-12

"Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. 12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

SERMONIC POINT #4:

Luke 21:13-15

But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

SERMONIC POINT #4:

Colossians 4:5-6:

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

SERMONIC POINT #4:

I Peter 3:15:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Learn to TRUST in the LORD GOD!

(22:19)

Know the WORDS OF TRUTH!

(22:19)

Be CERTAIN of the WORDS OF TRUTH!

(22:21a)

Be ready, willing and able to DEFEND &
EXPLICATE the WORDS OF TRUTH! (22:21b)