

Proverbs

Chapter 2

2- Cause your ear to be attentive to wisdom and incline your heart to understanding¹.

6- For Yahoah gives wisdom; from His mouth: knowledge and understanding².

Chapter 3

Long life

1-My son do not forget my law and guard your heart with my commandments.

¹ Every word that proceeds from the mouth of God is wisdom. If we are going to walk in the many blessings and insights of God's wisdom then we are going to have to obey His instructions. God's wisdom instructs us in the ways of life and leads us in the knowledge of the Almighty. If we want to enjoy the blessings of God's abundant life then we must give ourselves to obey the words, which His wisdom and instruction dictates so that we can depart from the snares of darkness and death.

There are many who have made the mistake of thinking that just by memorizing the scriptures and going to church that they should enter into the blessings of God. However, it is essential to understand that one must be willing to obey the word of God and be doers of those things that He says (James 1:7-8, 22; Matthew 6:24; 7:21,24; 12:50; Luke 6:46-48; 11:28; John 14:15,21; 15:10; 1 John 5:2). If we are willing to give ourselves over to live in obedience to what God has said then we will discover the glorious reward that is only found in obedience to His word (Proverbs 3:16-18; Psalms 19:11; Proverbs 6:23).

As we are obedient to the word of God great miracles and blessings take place in our lives beginning with being born of God. As we walk in the law of the Spirit of life then we discover the understanding God and insight of the Almighty. Set out on this glorious adventure of obedience to God and discover the awesome splendor and insight of His ways (Proverbs 9:10; 8:13; 15:33). As we obey God we begin to see things through the eyes of God instead of the warped perception of humanity. The more that we are willing to walk in obedience the greater the revelation and manifestation of Jesus will be to us and through us. Walk in wisdom and turn away from evil for the ways of God are not learned through experience but through obedience to His wisdom (Job 28:28; Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 3:7; 9:10; 15:33).

² One of the things that I most often hear as a pastor is a request for wisdom and understanding from God. Some want wisdom and understanding to make money, others for direction or for insight to handle a problem. All of these things are good, but what is most overlooked is that the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding we need comes from the word of God. It is not a last-minute wisdom or a hurry-up-and-give-it-to-me wisdom; it is the wisdom that comes from a conduct and manner of life dictated by the word of God. It is the wisdom that only comes because one is willing to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4).

If we would take heed unto the word of God as a light shining in dark place, then we would find ourselves living in the light of God's presence (2 Peter 1:19). It is there that we would enjoy soul prosperity, as a result of an increase in the anointing (3 John 1:2). As our soul prospers, everything else will too. If we will live our lives according to the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then we will discover that everything that pertains unto the nature and blessing of God will be ours to enjoy (Matthew 6:33; Isaiah 1:19). This is not a last-minute remedy or a 90-day-wonder from a crash course in how to walk in wisdom - this is a way of life. In fact, it is the life of God; brought to us by the Holy Spirit, and modeled by the Eternal Word who was made flesh: Christ Jesus. The only way to live is by the principles of God's word. If you do not live by the light of His word, then you walk in darkness, and will not be able to see the good when it comes (Jeremiah 17:5-6). Come now, let us walk in the Spirit, and live by the word.

2- For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you

Favor

3- Lovingkindness and truth you shall not forsake bind them upon your neck write them upon the table of your heart

4- And find favor and a good understanding in the eyes of God and man.

God's Guidance

5- Trust In Yahweh with all your heart and do not rely in your on understanding

6- Know Him in all of your ways and He will direct your way. (1 Sam 6:12; Isa 40:3)

Health

7- Do not be wise in your own eyes fear Yahweh and turn away from evil.

8- And its shall be health to your navel and refreshment to your bones.

Wealth

9- Honor Yahweh with your wealth and the firstfruits of all your increase.

10- And your storehouse shall be filled with plenty and your wine vats will overflow with new wine³.

³ Wisdom and understanding are taught to us by the Word of God. It is through wisdom and understanding that we are given the insight to succeed. If we desire to step into the blessings that Father has provided for us in Christ Jesus, then we must be willing to be obedient to the instructions of wisdom and understanding that are given to us in His word. When it comes to the blessings of wealth, the first principal that we must be willing to obey is the one of giving (Luke 6:38). If we are going to participate in the power (divine ability) that is given to us by God to make wealth, then we must be willing to be obedient to the word of God - that both produces and develops the faith that obtains the promises (Deuteronomy 8:18; Hebrews 6:12; 11:33; 2 Corinthians 1:20). We are told to honor the Lord with both our substance (those things that we already possess), and with our increase.

As we begin to acquire a vision of all that there is to accomplish in the kingdom of God, we suddenly come to realize not only our own responsibility to participate, but also the vastness of the need that must be met. It is in this place of vision that the Holy Spirit begins to enlarge our hearts in the realms of faith to step out to believe God for more. This is not for our own self-interest, but for something far bigger than ourselves: the souls of lost men and women, and the need to participate in the establishment of the local church; to train up people in the ways of the Kingdom of God. The Macedonian church was so inspired and taken by this need that they made themselves poor by giving all that they had for the ministry (2 Corinthians 8:4). They saw that through giving they had the opportunity to participate in the kingdom of God; and Paul saw their opportunity to enlarge both their spiritual account, as well as the means to open a supply of supernatural provision (Philippians 4:17-19; 2 Corinthians 9:8-9; Matthew 6:20-21, 33).

When we engage in the faith realm of giving, two very important things happen. First of all, we are honoring and recognizing that it was the Lord who gave us the things that we possess. And secondly, faith is being released and developed through obedience to the word of God, that will produce a confidence and boldness to step out and believe for things that were before out of reach. The acts of faith in giving pave the way for the acts of faith in reaping. Faith is far superior to money or things. Faith is the realm of the miraculous that supplies bread in famine, and monetary provision from the mouth of a fish (1 Kings 17:6; Matthew 17:25). Those who put their trust in uncertain riches, such as money, will come up short in the hour of need; but faith produces the supernatural supply of God, no matter what the circumstance might be. Faith is not limited by the few (that which men would say is not enough); but with the few, faith produces the miracle supply beyond what the wealthy can afford (John 6:9; Mark 8:17; Matthew 15:43). Faith allows us to move beyond the impossible, and step out into the realms where normal men would never go because it is too risky. The great 20th century evangelist Billy Graham lived by the faith motto of "Attempt something so impossible that you will surely fail unless God intervenes." How do men learn to walk in this kind of faith? Through stepping out and taking of their substance and the first-fruits of their

Chapter 4

12- When you walk your steps shall not be under assault and if you run you shall not stumble⁴.

Chapter 8

18- Riches and glory are with me enduring wealth and righteousness⁵.

increase, and honoring the Lord. My advice to you is to let the Holy Spirit develop this kind of faith in your life, as you give yourselves to both giving and seeking first the things that God's heart is set on.

The Holy Spirit has come to teach us in the way of wisdom and to lead us in right paths. The Lord God Almighty surrounds us with His glory leading with us to walk in the ways of life. He surrounds us and fills us with the fire of His presence and with His Holy Spirit. He says here is the way walk in it. He leads us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. He surrounds us as a shield (Psalms 5:12). He will hold us up with His right hand (Psalms 18:35). He will show us His ways and teach us His paths (Psalms 25:4). Through the blood of Jesus Christ all of the provision of God has been made available to anyone who asks. If we are willing to hear His instruction and submit to His leadership then our ways will be established in God and the blessings of the Lord will cause us to inherit all things that are good and that pertain to life and godliness. We are to arise and shine with the glory of God and believe as city set upon a hill but we must understand how God makes this possible and cooperate with His will. He makes the way of the righteous like a shining light that shines more and more unto that final day (Proverbs 4:18). But if our hearts are not set upon seeking righteousness above all other things then we will miss out on everything that God has set His heart to do for us (Matthew 5:6; 6:33; Acts 10:35).

The power of God has transformed our lives so that we can receive the Word of God and be given the strength of the Holy Spirit to do what God has ordained. His word gives us the instruction of life so that we might consecrate ourselves to it and the Spirit of God strengthens us to do those things which God has commanded. But we all have the choice. We can either allow the temporal pleasures to dominate our thoughts or we can set our hearts upon the word of God and live. The word of God is the wisdom of God that attendeth to life and gives us the knowledge of the Holy. Wisdom crys out to anyone who hears and pleads with us to come and receive herso that we might live and fulfill the will of God for our lives. It is by wisdom and understanding that we will find strength and stability in our walk with the Lord. If we hear and obey the word of God then all of the rich rewards of God's wisdom will be ours. Wisdom is like a virtuous woman who invites us to a lavish banquet of riches and honor while folly is the adulteress woman who tempts us to come into poverty and death. Come let us make straight paths for our feet where there will be no rest nor hindrances. Take out the stones and make our heart a highway for God and let your feet walk in smooth places. Let us keep ourselves from the things of this world so that our steps are not continually under harassment. Let us walk in the light of the Lord (1 John 1:7; Isaiah 2:5; 60:19; Ephesians 5:8).

⁵ When a person takes hold of God's word then wisdom is discovered. When we walk in the wisdom of God then we find great riches and an abundance of wealth. We also find glory and righteousness. The one who blesses us spiritually is also that one who blesses us materially thus as glory and righteousness are given to us so are riches and wealth. John indicated that the material prosperity was in direct proportion to that of the spiritual, "I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers" (3 John 2). The Lord takes delight in the prosperity of His people (Psalms 35:27; Deuteronomy 30:9; Psalms 112:3). He has promised that whatever we do we will prosper when we walk with Him and do what is right in His sight (Psalms 1:3; Joshua 1:7-8; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Deuteronomy 29:9; 1 Kings 2:3; 1 Chronicles 22:13).

There are those who have failed to receive this blessing of the Lord. Just as there are many who are sick and have failed to take hold of their healing. The Psalmist has a remedy for this problem he cries out to God and says, "Save now, I beseech you, O Lord, I beseech you, send now prosperity" (Psalms 118:25).

However we must also remember that those who cover their sin will not prosper (Proverbs 28:13). Those who do not make the Lord the sole object of their trust will not prosper (Jeremiah 17:3). Yet if we turn to God and do those things that are pleasing in His sight then we will be given the favor and the

Chapter 10

22- The blessings of Yahweh causes one to become rich and no sorrow is added with it⁶.

Chapter 15

The way of life is above to the wise: that they may depart from hell beneath⁷.

blessing of the Lord. As we learn to trust Him through every situation that we encounter we discover and ever increasing abundance of His blessings. As we give and do not withhold we find that God causes men to heap up their riches into our lives and the windows of heaven are opened pouring out more than we can contain (Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 3:9-10; 28:8).

⁶ The concept of the blessing of the Lord is associated with both spiritual and material riches everywhere it is used in the bible. The first blessing of the Lord is found in Genesis 1:22, 28 wherein God empowers everything on the earth and especially man to be fruitful and to multiply. This blessing that empowers a person to be fruitful and multiple is a reoccurring subject Genesis 8:17; 9:1,7; 17:20; 28:3-4; 35:11; 48:3-4; Leviticus 26:9; Deuteronomy 7:13; 30:16; Ezekiel 36:11,30; 2 Corinthians 9:10). When something is blessed spiritually it is made sacred and set apart for the service of God being endowed with His grace for a specific purpose (Genesis 2:3). The blessing of the Lord produces greatness in deeds and in conduct (Genesis 12:2; 18:18). There is the commanded blessing of the Lord that causes men like Ishmael to enter into greatness physically and materially (Genesis 17:20). There is a commanded blessing that comes upon the obedient people that causes all of their labors to produce supernatural results (Leviticus 25:21). The blessing of the Lord is usually the results of obedience (Genesis 22:18; Deuteronomy 11:27; 14:29; 15:10; 28:2-8). However, blessings can also come upon people because they inherited a blessing through the obedience of another (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 26:4; 27:4; 28:4). When God blesses a person there it is evidenced in the material realm (Genesis 13:1; 24:35; Deuteronomy 16:15). When Isaac blessed Jacob the blessing made Jacob ruler over his brethren and prince among his people. The blessing produced riches and honor and favor with God and man (Genesis 27:28-30). The blessing that was on Jacob extended to Laban (Genesis 30:27, 30). Jacob referred to his material riches as his blessing (Genesis 33:11). Jacob was a fighter for the blessing. Having the blessing was more important to Jacob than anything else and even though the blessing of God had been proven in his life yet he still struggled with God for more of the blessing (Genesis 32:26). The blessing of the Lord can be conferred upon others (Genesis 28:4; 49:25-26). The blessing of the Lord causes all that you put your hand to do to prosper so that you lack nothing (Deuteronomy 2:7). The blessing of the Lord takes away sickness (Exodus 23:25). The blessing of the Lord result in there being no poor among us (Deuteronomy 15:4). The blessing of the Lord causes all that we set our hands to do to prosper (Genesis 30:30; Deuteronomy 16:15; 28:12). Today God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies (Ephesians 1:3). Therefore every realm of blessing that produces every realm of prosperity is ours today if we are willing to believe. God sets before us the choice of life and blessings or death and curses- choose life and blessings and let the Lord make you to be a praise and a blessing in the earth (Deuteronomy 30:19; Jeremiah 33:9; Genesis 12:2; Galatians 3:9).

⁷ If we have been raised up together with Christ Jesus, then we must set our affections on things above; and not on things of this world (Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 6:4). There are too many people who are under a delusion that they can continue on participating in the things that are in the world, and still hear, "Well done my good and faithful servant." Friendship with the world is at best an act of hostility against God (James 4:4). Paul tells us by the Holy Spirit to come out from among them and be separate (2 Corinthians 6:17). The world is supposed to be crucified to us; there should be nothing of its lust that we desire (Galatians 6:14; 1 John 2:16). We are commanded not to be conformed - which is to participate in its evil and lust (Romans 12:2).

The only way that we are going to step away from all that is in the world (and its lusts) is to set our affections and desires on the things that belong to the abundant life, that has

Chapter 18

12- Before destruction a mans heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor⁸.

Chapter 24

4 And by knowledge your chambers shall be filled all precious wealth and pleasant things⁹.

been given to us in Christ Jesus. The gift of salvation that we have received does not leave us thirsty for the world, rather it fills us with the wellsprings of life and the nature of our heavenly Father (John 4:14). If we will labor for the meat that endures unto everlasting life, we will not only be filled with all of the good things of heaven, but we will escape the snares that Satan lays for our feet. Our spiritual blessings, citizenship, and lifestyle are all in heaven (Ephesians 1:3; Ephesians 2:6,19; Philippians 3:20). The command of the Lord Jesus is that we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. In order to do this, we must follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit - who has come to lead us in the ways that are eternal: the ways of God that are above.

⁸ Humility is worth seeking because it is the way to great success. Those who will give themselves to the servitude and submission that is found in humility will find honor (Proverbs 15:33; 18:12; Zephaniah 2:3). The word used in the Hebrew language for honor is 'chavod' which is the common Hebrew word for glory. When we speak of glory in the Bible we are first talking about that which God possesses and secondly that which God gives to His servants. The blessings of God always result in His honor and glory resting upon His servants. When God pours out His grace upon us we discover His blessings affecting every dimension of our lives, spiritually, physically and financially (3 John 3; 1 Peter 5:5; Ephesians 1:3).

If you want to succeed then you must listen to what God has to say. If you will humble yourself under the mighty hand of God He will lift you up (1 Peter 5:6). But if you are lifted up or haughty (Heb-gavah) in your own eyes you will come to ruin. To humble yourself under the mighty hand of God is to submit to His word and to trust Him to take care of the situation you find yourself in. God will defend you; He will save you. He will bless the works of your hands! It is God that will cause you to triumph in every situation and provide for you according to His riches that He has in His glory (Philippians 4:19).

⁹ The Bible has a lot to say about knowledge. The Hebrew root (yada) occurs 944 times in the Old Testament. Knowledge is something that is possessed by God and that He teaches to man in His word (Proverbs 1:4; 2:6; Psalms 94:10; 119:66; 2 Chronicles 1:10-12; Jeremiah 24:7; Ecclesiastes 2:26). The prophet Hosea said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge I will also reject you, you shall be no priest to me seeing that you have forgotten the law of your God I will also forget your children" Hosea 4:6. God reveals that those who speak words that are void of knowledge only cause men to go into a deeper darkness and ignorance (Job 38:2; Isaiah 8:20).

The knowledge that God wants us to have comes from His word and is revealed by His Spirit (John 8:32; 6:45; 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 2:1-4; James 1:25; . It comes from knowing Him and walking with Him (Hosea 6:6; Malachi 2:7; Proverbs 23:12). The knowledge of God comes to us because we diligently give ourselves to knowing His word and walking in His ways (Proverbs 2:5; Hosea 6:3; Job 28:28; 1 John 5:20). Knowledge comes to us because we value what God says to us and desires of us more than all the material wealth of the world (Proverbs 8:10; 12:1). If we will simply be obedient to what God says in His word then we will certainly be filled with all the promises and blessings that He has given. When we hear the word of God and are willing to be doers of the word then all of the miracles contained within the word of God become a living reality in our lives. Just as we heard the word of the gospel and believed and then acted upon those words of life and were made a new creation and the chambers of our lives were filled with the Spirit of God and His abundant life. So many people have

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18 With no revelation the people run wild¹⁰ but happy is he who keeps the law.

many things to say but only the words of God can produce life and godliness. God wants to give us whatever we ask. He wants to fill us with all the fulness of Himself so that we have a superabundance of all of His blessings and goodness. He wants us to know the Love of Christ that passes knowledge so that we may be filled with all of His fulness. Let the Spirit of God fill you with all precious wealth and pleasant things as you hear and obey the word of God.

¹⁰ Revelation comes to us by the Holy Spirit who has empowered us to speak by revelation, by knowledge, by prophecy and by doctrine (1 Corinthians 14:6). Without the anointing that produces revelation the people are not confronted by God but merely brush up against a concept of God and His will. Such a casual encounter will not cause the people to turn from their iniquity. Instead they will run without restraint in the iniquity that would entice them. One example of this may be viewed in the contrast between Moses and Aaron. Moses who had received the revelation of God also spoke by revelation and as long as he was present to minister to the people they would follow. However, Aaron who had no revelation was too easily influenced by the people. Aaron accommodated the lust of the people and made them a golden calf and they ran wild in their iniquity (Exodus 32:19-25). Similarly during the days of Eli revelation was rare and the people gave themselves over to every sort of iniquity (1 Samuel 2: 15-17, 22, 29; 3:1). Eli's sons who should have been ministering by the revelation of the Spirit were rather seducing the women who came to worship the Lord. The iniquity of the priest and of the people became so great that God's glory departed from Israel (1 Samuel 4:20-22).

Today both priest and prophets have given themselves over to drunkenness and divorce. They are more people in the church than ever before who believe that it is okay to be involved in sin and iniquity and still be right with God. The inspired preaching that causes men to be confronted by God is rare. Instead of ministering out of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by revelation, by knowledge, by prophecy or by doctrine the priest of God's house are more interested in pleasing the people so that they may boast of bigger congregations and afford larger salaries. Because of this iniquity there is night and no revelation, the sun has gone down over the prophets and the day is as the dark we do not see our miracles and no one knows what shall come and the enemy blasphemes the name of Jesus (Micah 3:6; Psalms 74:9-10; Mark 16:17; John 16:13).

Yet all is not lost for if we will repent and find our secrete place with God then the rivers of living water will begin to flow out of us. It is there in that private communion and fellowship with God that we encounter His glory and that we come to vision and revelations. It is there that our hearts and our tongues are filled with His divine inspiration. It is there in that fellowship that the judgments of God begin to flow and righteousness run like a mighty stream (Amos 5:24; Micah 6:8; 2 Corinthians 3:3). The realms of glory become our delight and the life of God our wellspring. The will of God becomes our will and living by His word more important than our daily bread. If we should once again find our very existence individually and collectively in the being of Christ then the New Testament Church will stand up in its former glory and do those things that Jesus declared should be. If we will repent and be restored then we will teach the transgressors and sinners will be converted (Psalms 51:13).