

## Wisdom

*A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:--Proverbs 1:5*

I ask myself, how hungry am I to increase my learning and understanding? Do I really want my actions to be governed by God's teaching? Am I willing to put my desires aside and truly seek God's direction?

Scripture teaches in Proverbs 1 that a Christian is to attain wisdom, instruction, and discernment. The definition of wisdom is to apply knowledge with understanding and insight. In other words, we learn how God would have us act through His word, and we apply that knowledge in our behavior.

Wisdom is a lifelong journey to be taken seriously. There are times that we strive to learn so that we "get it". There are times when we feel an obligation to learn because of our "image". The longing for wisdom needs to come from our heart's desire to be conformed to the image of His son.

We need to pursue wisdom in the Word of God. We need to seek God's face and ask Him to guide our understanding and discernment. God is the source of wisdom, and we make the choice to be wise and seek His leading in matters or to "do things our way". Many times we rush ahead on our own rather than spending time in His Word and in prayer asking Him to increase our learning and discernment.

*If thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.  
For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.—Proverbs 2:4-6*