

The Purpose of Wisdom Proverbs 2:1-15

An understanding of God, i.e., a deep knowledge of Who He is and what He does, only comes to those who earnestly seek after it, who value it, even _____ it. Sadly, God honors the wishes of those who choose to remain blissfully ignorant of Him.

Discussion 1. Why do you suppose some people earnestly seek after God and others do not? What kinds of factors do you believe make the difference between them? Do you recall what made you earnestly seek after Him?

God is not just a good source of wisdom; as the _____ and _____ of the world in which we live, He is the only source of genuine wisdom. All other “wisdom” is either copying His or is wrong.

Discussion 2. Can you think of any examples of “wisdom” which did not come directly from God (in other words, from a secular source) but which may have nonetheless overlapped with some eternal truth? How can we know whether such wisdom lines up with Godly wisdom or not?

In a world where it is increasingly difficult to distinguish right from wrong or truth from fiction, Godly wisdom serves as our instruments to help us find truth north and to correctly _____ us.

Discussion 3. Can you recall a time or circumstance where you completely lost your bearings and needed help getting properly oriented (either physically, mentally, or emotionally)? What helped you get your bearings?

A huge benefit to growing in Godly wisdom is that it helps guard us from being swayed by much of the _____ of the world, whether that foolishness is intentionally evil or simply ignorant.

Discussion 4. How do you discern between wise leadership and foolish leadership? What kinds of criteria do you use to distinguish them? Do you believe you are growing in your understanding of those criteria?