

# Sermon Notes

## Proverbs 2-3-4

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### I. Introduction

Prov 2 explores the immense value of pursuing wisdom. And gives *if-then* conditions to make it happen.

Prov 3 emphasizes that true success comes from trusting God rather than human understanding.

Proverbs 4 is a plea from a father to a son to prioritize God's wisdom over the path of the wicked.

- a. continuing study of Proverbs... written by Solomon around 900 BC... his name appears three times... but we also see he collected and edited proverbs other than his own...  
Prov 1:1; 10:1; 25:1... "the proverbs of Solomon... Solomon's proverbs..."  
Eccl 12:9-14... "in addition to the Teacher being wise... he constantly taught the people knowledge; he weighed, explored, and arranged many proverbs..."  
masal... *parable; poem; superiority in mental action; sentences of ethical wisdom; ethical maxims*...
- b. why should we pay attention to them today...  
1Kings 4:29-34... "God gave Solomon wisdom... very great insight and understanding... his wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East... greater than all the wisdom of Egypt... He was wiser than anyone... Solomon spoke about 3000 proverbs... spoke with authority on every subject... kings from every nation sent their ambassadors to listen to Solomon's wisdom..."
- c. Proverbs is more than just facts... it's the ability to see people, events, situations as God sees them... reveals mind of God in common, ordinary, everyday life... sexual relations, personal conduct, business, wealth, charity, discipline, debt, raising kids, politics, etc...  
Prov 5:15... "drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well..."  
Prov 10:1... "whoever walks in integrity walks securely..."  
Prov 19:17... "whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord..."  
Prov 22:6... "train up a child in the way he should go... will not depart when he is old..."
- d. tough to summarize... so many different themes and no main characters... before we dig into Prov 2-3-4... let's look at a great video from The Bible Project... pray...

### II. 2-3-4

- a. Two  
chapter two is one long conditional sentence... if you do this... then this will happen...  
Prov 2:1-4... "if you accept my words... if you listen to wisdom... if you seek it..."  
Prov 2:5-8... "then you will understand... then you will discover knowledge of God..."  
  
when Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom... requested an understanding heart... wanted to hear, understand and be sensitive to God's voice... pleased God to give it to Him...  
1Kings 3:9... "give to Your servant an understanding heart... to discern good and evil..."  
shama... *to hear or listen; to perceive by hearing; to hear with attention; to listen and give heed*...  
1Kings 3:12... "I will do as you asked... I will give you a wise and understanding heart..."  
biyn... *to perceive, discern, understand; to have insight, intelligence, understanding*...  
  
in a world flooded with information... need to have a hearing heart sensitive to voice of HS... hearing His voice gives us the ability to make good choices... all the time...  
John 16:13... "Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth... tell you about the future..."  
Gal 5:25... "live by Spirit... follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives..."

we face situations all the time where we have no idea what to do... don't rely on the natural... listen to supernatural voice of HS... speaks to us in a variety of ways...

People - 2Sam 12:1... "and the Lord sent Nathan to David..."

Whisper - 1Kings 19:11-12... "after the fire there was a voice... a still small voice..."

Dreams/Visions - Acts 2:16-17... "sons and daughters will prophesy... see visions... dream dreams..."

Prayer - Acts 13:2... "as they were worshipping and fasting... the Spirit said... *set apart Saul*..."

Conscience - 1Cor 2:11-16... "speak in words taught by HS... He explains spiritual things..."

Scripture - 2Tim 3:14-17... "all Scripture inspired by God... useful to teach, rebuke, correct, train..."

developing that hearing heart starts by simply spending time in God's presence... ask for wisdom... ask to be led by HS... ask to make wise and good decisions...

Prov 2:6-10... "the Lord gives wisdom... from His mouth comes understanding... then you will understand righteousness, justice, integrity, and every good thing... wisdom will enter your heart..."

#### b. Three

too often when we are faced with a tough decision we do everything BUT seek God... think we can solve challenges with more money, better health, greater influence...

Prov 3:13-18... "blessed is the man who finds wisdom and acquires understanding... she is more profitable than silver... her wages better than gold... nothing you desire can equal her... her ways are pleasant and her paths peaceful... she is life and happiness to those who embrace her..."

not about being smarter... about receiving wisdom... God's wisdom... when you let Him guide your life it leads to blessings and happiness... not confusion and exhaustion... notice personal health comes from wisdom... but not just health... riches and honor too...

Prov 3:5-11... "don't be wise in your own eyes... fear the Lord and turn away from evil... this will be healing for your body and strength for your bones... honor the Lord... then your barns will be completely filled and your vats will overflow... do not despise the Lord's instruction..."

Prov 3:16... "length of days is in wisdom's right hand... in her left, riches and honor..."

wisdom brings peace in tough times... when you embrace wisdom... you embrace Jesus...

1Cor 1:30... "you are in Christ... who became to us... wisdom from God..."

Phil 4:7... "peace of God... surpasses all understanding... will guard heart in Christ..."

Col 2:3... "in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge..."

#### c. Four

exposure leads to thoughts... thoughts lead to feelings... feelings lead to actions... must be careful what you're letting into your heart and mind... what does Proverbs say...

Prov 4:20-23... "give attention to my words... listen closely to my sayings... don't lose sight of them... keep them within your heart... they are life to those who find them... health to your whole body... guard your heart above all else... out of it come the issues of life..."

Luke 6:45... "good man produces good from his heart... evil man produces evil from his heart..."

what you expose yourself to is what your life will become... it shapes your belief, words, actions... God's word brings healing... the world brings sin, death, destruction...

Rom 8:6... "mindset of the flesh is death... mindset of the Spirit brings life and peace..."

Col 3:1-11... "set your mind on things above... not on things of the earth... put to death earthly things: lust, greed, anger, wrath, slander... be renewed in knowledge of Christ..."

slow down... take time with the Word... speak truth over your life, not etp... turn your attention to wisdom... experience peace, strength, and healing to your whole body... pray...

Prov 4:4-19... "your heart must hold on to my words... keep my commands and live... don't forsake wisdom... she will watch over you... love her and she will guard you... wisdom is supreme, so get wisdom... cherish her and she will exalt and honor you... accept my words and you will live many years... guard my instruction, for it is your life... path of the righteous shines brighter and brighter..."

Read Proverbs 2-3-4 every day this week and receive God's wisdom for your life.