



*A Great Place To Grow in  
Christ  
For the Entire Family*

<b>July 30, 2017</b>
<b>This Weeks Events</b>
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Matthew Chapter 10</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Report from Mexico</i> —Rev. Charles 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Revive Us Again Pt. 2</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: Temptation</i> —Pastor
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>August 6, 2017:</b> 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale

## **Wisdom, Understanding and Treasure**



Ron Coale

*Proverbs 1:1-5 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

People are not born wise. Nor do they display it as a character trait that emerges when they get older. It is not automatically bestowed upon a person when they reach a certain age. It is something that is learned from the experiences that we have. God says that we

can receive wisdom if we want to.

In the passage above, there are three main "if's" mentioned. This indicates that there is something that must be accomplished before wisdom can be achieved.

The first is related to God's word. We must receive it and then hide it in our hearts. The result in doing so will make us know how to wisely respond to things that we hear and understand how to react or respond to it. To do so, a person must read God's word. Only then will he know if he is being sold a bill of goods or not.

All over the world people are believing preachers who claim despicable perversions of God's word. People take what that preacher says as truth when in most cases it is a little bit of truth mixed with a

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bunch of lie. Why do they so readily accept what the preacher says? Why are they so easily duped? It is because they have not read God's word for themselves. They have not hidden it in their own hearts. So, when they hear a lie (or a perversion) they have nothing to compare it to for themselves. They have not pursued wisdom so their response is unwise. It is based on the ambiguous "belief" rather than the truth of God's word.

If we seek knowledge and understanding, then we will find it, but only after seeking wisdom. Knowledge by itself is inert. It just remains in our brains as useless data. Only when it is called upon to be used, does it then have benefit. The greatest reason that knowledge is accessed is for understanding. Many are the times when students who are taking a "pop-quiz" caught looking up to the ceiling trying to access their data bank of knowledge because they don't understand the answer to some problem.

Only through the wisdom of God's word can a person access the databanks of truth within their own minds to understand the actions of this world. This is how a Bible knowledge gives a person a new vision of the inner workings of this world. This is where the "new eyes" of sight allows for a different view point of understanding.

When speaking about treasure, people usually immediately think of money. There are more things on this earth that are a treasure than money. Have you ever heard someone hold a newborn baby and mutter the words, "Such a treasure"? Or, have you ever heard someone say over some obscure object, "I treasure this because it was handed down to me from my great-grandmother"? Perhaps you even treasure thoughts of your past relatives.

People today don't "treasure" wisdom. They allow others to do their thinking for them. They allow the radio, TV or cell phones to shape their thinking. With a world full of distractions, the last thing that people look for is wisdom. They mostly react out of feelings or seek the advice of some therapist.

God says that wisdom can be achieved, if you seek after it like you would a treasure. Wisdom is something that most people think they have, but in fact, overlook, and rarely even think about. It is not an education, but a culmination of education and experiences: an education in God's word, combined with the experience of applying it to your life.

Seek wisdom, and in the process, find God. All wisdom lies with Him. ~



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## NOTES:

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
685.	Dee P.	Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation.
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
975.	Dee P.	Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer
976.	Dee P.	Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1033.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1035.	Pastor	Lori Sylvia– terminal
1037.	Don Tripp	His pastors healing from hashimoto's disease.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1041.	Kail	Friend in hospital with eye problem.

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