

# First Church of God

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Sermon Outline  
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## "God's Wisdom For All Believers" Proverbs 2:1 –1 2a

<sup>1</sup>My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup>turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding <sup>3</sup>and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding <sup>4</sup>and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup>then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, <sup>8</sup>for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. <sup>9</sup>Then you will understand what is right and just and fair — every good path. <sup>10</sup>For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. <sup>11</sup>Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. <sup>12</sup>Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men whose words are perverse.

### INTRODUCTION

We need the wisdom of God to cope with problems of life.

#### I. WISDOM IS A GIFT FROM GOD TO ALL BELIEVERS. (James 3:13 – 17)

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from

wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure: then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

#### (James 1:5)

"If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

A. God grants to us **spiritual** wisdom (vs. 5)

#### I Corinthians 1:21

B. The wisdom of God gives is **adequate** (vs. 5)

### II. WISDOM IS NEEDED BY ALL BELIEVERS.

A. We must **seek and ask for** wisdom from God.  
(Proverbs 1:7)

"The **fear** of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but **fools despise wisdom** and discipline."

#### Proverbs 2:1

"My son **if** you accept my words and store up my commands within you."

B. We must **use** the wisdom of God to fight sin.  
(Psalm 119:11)

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I **might not** sin against you."

C. We must **apply** the wisdom of God.

(Proverbs 2:2) "Turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding."

### **III. WISDOM BENEFITS AND BLESSES ALL BELIEVERS. (Proverbs 2:5-7)**

<sup>5</sup>then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.

- A. With God's wisdom comes **discretion and protection**.  
**(Proverbs 2:11)** <sup>11</sup>Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you."

### **IV. WISDOM BRINGS POSITIVE RESULTS TO ALL BELIEVERS.**

"True perfection consists in having but one fear, the loss of God's friendship." -- Gregory of Nyssa

- A. Christ is the way to **all truth**.  
**John 14:6**  
"Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- B. Christ provided for our **Salvation** on Calvary's cross.
- C. Christ has provided for our **protection** through His shed blood.  
**(I Peter 1:5)** "Who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **CONCLUSION:**