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The Heart of Wisdom

Wisdom Calls Out: A Study in Proverbs

Proverbs 4:10-27

Sunday, July 5, 2009

III. The _____ of wisdom.

1. Wisdom demands _____. (20-21)
2. Wisdom gives _____. (22)
3. Wisdom _____ the _____. (23-27)

Our _____ problem.

God's heart _____ .

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I. The _____ in wisdom. (10-13)

1. Wisdom is a _____.
(NOT a _____.)
2. The journey is _____.

II. The _____ to wisdom.

1. _____. (14-15)
2. _____. (16-17)
3. _____. (17-19)

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1. Read all of Proverbs 4. This chapter divides into three main sections. What are they and what is the main exhortation in each?
2. When Solomon exhorts his son to take hold of and guard wisdom (vs 10-13), what does that say about us? Why do we need this exhortation?
3. In your own words, what obstacles can hinder our progress in wisdom according to this passage? (vs 13-19)
4. Read vs 20-27 again carefully. What is the relationship between wisdom, our hearts, and our behavior? To say it differently, do we need to behave properly to prepare our hearts so we can receive wisdom, OR do we need to guard our hearts, so we can receive wisdom that will change our behavior? (or do you think it's a different combination?) Explain your choice.
5. Relate Ezekiel 36:26 and Col 2:1-5 to Proverbs 4:10-27. What light do these shed on Jesus' relationship to the "Heart of Wisdom"?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. The life of wisdom is a journey not a destination. Agree or disagree? Why?
3. What are some obstacles that hinder your life of godly wisdom?
4. What practical steps do you need to take to prevent your veering away from the Lord and His wisdom?
5. What has God done to help you live a life of godly wisdom? How can knowing that help you to persevere in the face of real or potential hindrances?