

# “How Do I DO the Will of God?”

## 3. SEEK WISDOM (Part 1)!

Proverbs 1-3; James 3:13-18; Psalm 19B and 90B

With the background of God’s global and intergenerational promises (see Gen. 12:2-3; 15:7-14) the Hebrews were intent on training their children in covenant living. They needed to learn of God’s rule and revelation, of their own original sin, and of the plan of salvation that centers in Wisdom of God (Col. 2:1-3). Thus Proverbs was written as a handbook of wisdom for young people entering public service. If you are not sure what else to read, read Proverbs, which was written “to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth” (1:4)!

1. What wisdom \_\_\_\_ and why you \_\_\_\_\_ it. (1:1-7, 10)
2. Do you view wisdom as \_\_\_\_\_? (1:20-32)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Wisdom (2:1-22)
4. How wisdom relates to \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-10)

### **Suggested Applications:**

1. *Read Ecclesiastes 11:5-12:14 and ponder the uncertainty of your life, the realities of aging, and the source of true wisdom. Be sure to see Christ in 12:11, and hear the exhortation to exult in the righteous joys of your youth. Dedicate yourself anew to “the whole duty of man” (12:13-14).*
2. *Obtain From The Mouth Of God: Trusting, Reading, and Applying the Bible by Sinclair Ferguson and explore how to mine the riches of God’s Word for yourself. Remember that God has given you the Scriptures because your soul needs regular nourishment from God Himself!*

### **1. Westminster Confession of Faith 1.4 – The Authority of Scripture**

*The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man, or church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received because it is the Word of God ... our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.*

### **2. Westminster Confession of Faith 16.1 – The Sufficiency of Scripture**

*The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture, unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men ... those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.*

### **3. Pilgrim's Progress – Christian Learns Wisdom**

*Said Christian, 'At Interpreter's house, I saw such things there that the memory of them will stick with me as long as I live. This is especially true of three things: First, how Christ in spite of Satan, maintains His work of grace in the heart; Second, how man had sinned himself quite out of hope of obtaining God's mercy; and Third, the dream of him who thought in his sleep the day of judgment had come' (65) ...*

*'I so much want to go to Mount Zion, where I hope to see alive there the One who hung dead on the Cross,' said Christian. 'For to tell you the truth, I love Him because my burden was eased by Him. And there I hope to get rid of all those things that to this day are in me and that are an annoyance to me, for I'm weary of my inward sickness. They say there is no death there, and that I'll dwell there with such company as I like best; I desire to be where I shall die no more and with the company that shall cry continually, "Holy, holy, holy."'*