

# Wisdom's Calling

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- A. Introductory remarks
  - 1. Brief reference to topic 1: Who is, What is, How to get
  - 2. Wisdom tested in the area of work and success
  - 3. Why do you work?
  
- B. Proverbs about work
  - 1. Wisdom: 3:9; 12:11; 13:11; 14:23
  - 2. Folly: 6:9-11; 19:15; 20:4; 21:25
  - 3. The contrast: 10:16; 11:1; 11:18; 11:24
  - 4. Evaluation
  
- C. Proverbs about success
  - 1. The contrast: 10:2; 10:3; 10:4; 11:28
  - 2. Evaluation
  
- D. Pitfalls on the path of wisdom
  - 1. Self-righteousness and pride
  - 2. Materialism
  - 3. No compassion & generosity
  - 4. Self-deception
  
- E. Conclusion: We can't walk the path of wisdom without Wisdom!
  - 1. Consider Christ's work and success
  - 2. How to follow Christ on the path of wisdom
    - a. The NT *confirms* Proverbs (2 Thess. 3:10-12)
    - b. The NT *completes* Proverbs (Matt. 19:23; 6:19f; 1 Tim. 6:6-8)
  - 3. Summary

**Wisdom is to:**

Seek to glorify God in your work

Succeed within the framework of God's commandments

Be diligent, maintain right priorities

Make work subject to the Kingdom of God

*Live in dependence on Christ*

**Folly is to:**

Be occupied with self-realization

Bend God's commandments for your own gain

Either despise or idolatry work

Place work above and against the Kingdom of God

*Reject Christ*