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Proverbs 4:5-10

We live in the information age, where news pops up on our cellphones and college can be attended online. But I've noticed that while there is an abundance of knowledge floating around, there isn't much wisdom. Godly wisdom is the capacity to see things from the Lord's viewpoint and respond according to scriptural principles. This wisdom isn't a natural characteristic, but you can develop it gradually over time through practice and prayer.

In God's opinion, wisdom is a valuable treasure (Prov. 8:11). Believers need His perspective and His principles to live abundantly and obediently—that's why acquiring wisdom is not a suggestion but a command (Prov. 4:5).

Think back to stories about "gold fever" during the 19th-century gold rush. People risked their lives in a single-minded quest for riches. Wisdom is worth so much more than a vein of precious metal. In comparing the two, the Lord calls us to passionately pursue godly knowledge and discernment.

Proverbs 8:17 personifies wisdom, who says, "I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me." God will see to it that believers who pursue wisdom acquire it. Moreover, when the desire of our heart is something with lasting value, we receive a

bonus—knowledge, prudence, and discretion (Prov. 8:12).

King Solomon, the wisest man of his time, wrote about the importance of acquiring wisdom (Prov. 4:7). Determine in your heart to pursue this great treasure. As you study the Word, seek the Lord’s will, and observe His principles in action, God will pour wisdom into your mind and spirit.

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