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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Where Can I Get It?

JAMES 1:5 NKJV - (5) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

JAMES 3:17 NKJV - (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

WISDOM - The God-given ability to judge or discern correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding; learning and experience acquired over a period of time; ability to see beneath the surface of things.

The first characteristic we all need to know is that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight" (**Proverbs 9:10**). The wisdom that leads to life and ultimate joy begins with knowing and fearing God.

Now finally I want to mention five biblical instructions for *how* to get this wisdom. First, desire wisdom with all your might. Second, since wisdom is found in the Word of God, we must apply ourselves in study and meditation to know the Word and do it. The third thing we should do to get wisdom is pray. The fourth biblical instruction for how to get wisdom is to think frequently of your death. Or to put it another way, think of the shortness of this life and the infinite length of the next. Finally, there is one last, absolutely essential thing to do if you would "get wisdom": you must come to Jesus.

Therefore, the command, "Get wisdom," means first and foremost "Come to Jesus! Come to Jesus!" in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom. Don't start, go through or finish the year without it!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A true sacrifice will always leave you a realm in the bush.