"Favor From the Lord"

Intro: "From the sinful temptress and the weak youth that we have been considering, we turn in this chapter to the other woman who seeks the life of the reader: __________________ personified. She too seeks his love; but what she offers is pure, sincere and __________ ___________." (Jay E. Adams)

A. Come now and let us reason together: listen to ____________ and as God ordains she will ______ ________ to your days!

I. Wisdom and understanding, desiring ____ ___ ____________, call to all people everywhere.

A. Wisdom offers to ____________ us perfectly in every walk ___ _______, both public and private.

B. Wisdom speaks only that which is noble, ______________________ and true! What a contrast between the evil woman and Lady Wisdom! ________ will one erroneous ______________ thing be uttered from Wisdom’s lips!

C. Wisdom rightly and lovingly declares that we should ________ after ________ rather than silver and gold, cherishing her more than precious jewels.

II. Wisdom is a ______________ by which God pours ______________ upon all who receive her instruction.

A. As we listen to wisdom we will be affected by her close companions, living a life dominated by ________ _____________ (prudence), a true and right application of knowledge with ________________ and right intentions (discretion).

B. Oh, that we would call wisdom our sister so we would ________ ______ ________, hating evil by hating pride, arrogance, the evil way and the perverted mouth!

C. Do you desire wise counsel and sound wisdom, understanding and the power of wisdom? Then cling to her and do not let her go for ______ ______ ____________ you with the gifts He pours out through her!

D. If we listen to wisdom we will know the ____________ and ______________ which God works through her!

E. Wisdom is a means by which God pours out financial blessings. And not only is such a one blessed with enduring ______________ but their wealth is accompanied by ____________ and righteousness!
1. Wisdom walks in the way of righteousness and the path of justice for this _______________: To endow all who love her with wealth, that she may _______ their treasuries _______. What a blessed life does wisdom offer all who listen and do!

III. Wisdom is a powerful and eternal attribute of God whereby He ________________ ______ ______.

A. Wisdom belongs to God. She is ________ _________________, His ever-faithful servant. As Adam Clarke wrote, “Wisdom is not acquired by the Divine Being; man, and even angels, learn it by slow and progressive degrees; but in God it is as _______________ inherent as any other essential attribute of his nature.”

B. Through wisdom God worked His will in creation and so does He through her work ______ ______ __ __________!

C. See what ______ ______ belongs to wisdom, what joy and rejoicing, what glory before the God who delights in her! Let us ________________ to wisdom that we would ___________ in this attribute of God, delighting our Father.

IV. Wisdom invites us to come to her, promising all who love her an _________________ of ________.

A. As wisdom rejoiced in the creation so are all who listen to her promised a share of that ________________ ________.

B. He who finds wisdom finds ________, obtaining __________ from the Lord! Beloved, if you find true wisdom then you have truly found the ________ who possesses her, in whom is life and all the blessings of life.

C. Ironside wrote, “How strong the incentives presented to heed the voice of Wisdom! Blessing and life, the loving favor of the Lord, are the portion of those who so do. The one who ________________ to listen, _______ against his own soul, for he seals his own destruction.” Listen to wisdom!

Closing: Let us _______________ today whom we will serve! Let us choose to follow Christ Jesus and then we may listen and follow wisdom as she calls to us, receiving the favor of the Lord, delighting the Lord our ________.

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