“Acquire Wisdom”

First: As we open to the 4th chapter of Proverbs we hear restated some of what Solomon already said. There is little that is new here and yet, as this is the Word of God we understand repetition to be necessary for our learning and retention. This also serves to reveal the importance of these words. Wisdom is not only worth restating but it must be continuously emphasized for here is the wisdom of God ______ _______ and ____________.

A. Here is wisdom: learn it and teach it! Be discipled by wisdom and then disciple others in it, and be sure that your disciple-making begins ___ _________ own ________

I. As a conduit of divine inspiration Solomon exhorts us as his very own children that we should ________ his words of wisdom, giving them our utmost _____________.

A. The Lord’s teaching as delivered through Solomon is ___________! It is like a __________ upon which you can build your house! There are no shifting sands in wisdom for wisdom is the sure and unshakable foundation!

1. Don’t abandon wisdom for outside of it __________ and destruction are certain while inside there is ________!

B. From observing Solomon we are reminded that it is the solemn and joyous ________ of every parent to teach their children the things of God, to ________ the ______________ of God to our offspring.

1. Parents, if you would that your children live in and by the wisdom of God then attain and live by His wisdom __________________, actively, repetitively, continuously verbally communicating His wisdom to them while setting the ______________ before them.

2. Solomon knew and here expressed that he was loved by his parents. Let this be wisdom to you! Our genuine __________ for our children will most ______________ them that what we convey is the true wisdom of God and for their best.

C. Now young people: observe! Solomon’s father taught him saying, “let your heart ________ fast my words. Keep my commandments and _______!” When it comes to wisdom, to relationship with God and with man, to the successful living of life, there is nothing new. The path of wisdom is an ancient path.
1. To go off and create one’s own way, as if doing so is new and wise, is to miss wisdom entirely. When it comes to ______________, blazing one’s own trail is the work of a fool. The path of wisdom is the ____________ and unchanging path for the wise.

2. Follow the path laid by the Ancient of __________ and you will live, and in living you will have life more abundantly and moreover, you will know ________________ life, here and now!

D. Wisdom, understanding and knowledge are for the _____________. While we fully recognize that wisdom is a gift ______________ by God, still it is a gift of grace that we who believe apprehend or appropriate.

1. Here in these words of Proverbs God is giving us the ________ _________ to pursue His gift: Lady Wisdom. Acquire her! Chase after her! ____________ her! Court her! Offer Miss Wisdom your attention and see how she responds! In turn she will guard and watch over you.

2. If you will _____________ ______ as granted you from God, she will exalt you.

3. If we will embrace her for the woman she is, wisdom will ____________ ________!

E. If we will ______________ __ Solomons wisdom as from our own father, and indeed from our Heavenly ________________, then life will be added to our days and days to our life.

1. Wisdom ___ our ________.

Finally then: Young people and parents alike, let us _____________ wisdom so we may know her with all her blessings, and pass her and her blessings on to the next generation. Let us love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, seeking from Him His Wisdom with the same intensity. Wisdom is the ______ __________ for us in Christ ____________.

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