

October 9 | Sunday

We Don't Need More Money, We Need Wisdom

Read [Proverbs 3:13-14](#)



10 | Mon – Root of all evil | Read [1 Timothy 6:6-10](#); [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#)

There is a common saying, often attributed to the Bible, that money is the root of all evil. However, this is a misquote of 1 Tim. 6:10. It is the **love** of money that is the a root of all kinds of evil. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to be dissatisfied with your income? How can you avoid being trapped by the lure of the ‘...more, more, I need more!’ mentality of our culture? What connection could there be between money and wisdom?

11 | Tue – Trust who? | Read [Proverbs 3:5-9](#)

It is easy to feel like we have things under control. We believe that, by being smart, we can avoid the pitfalls that others have encountered. Self sufficiency can very subtly become a trap but there is an antidote to such erroneous self-confidence. Today's verses give a warning and a promise. These are wise words to put into practice. In what ways might you be tempted to trust exclusively in your own perceptions?

12 | Wed – Going to the the source | Read [Job 28:12-28](#)

One of the most interesting stories in scripture is the life of Job. He lost nearly everything, yet he continued to affirm his trust in God. Read his answer to the question “where is wisdom found?” and think about your own source of wisdom. Where do you go to find answers and sound advice about relationships or finances or other life challenges you might be facing?

13 | Thu – Think about it | Read [Psalm 111:10](#); [Proverbs 9:10-12](#)

Wisdom can come from many places but ultimately, it comes from a relationship with the Lord. “Fearing” God is an uncomfortable concept but it is listed as the place to start when looking for wisdom. What does it mean for you to ‘fear’ the Lord? How does that attitude become the means for gaining wisdom?

14 | Fri – Never enough time | Read [Psalm 90:12](#)

Wisdom is something that is gained over time and with life experience. Unfortunately, we may have less time on earth than we think. Not everyone lives til they are ‘old.’ The psalm writer asks God to teach us to use our remaining days wisely. Thinking ahead, how could you reorder your life so that you will have less regrets about how you have used your time and resources? Start small. What is one thing you might decide to change today?

15 | Sat – Two examples | Read [Acts 7:9-10, 22-29](#); [James 1:5](#)

Two Old Testament heroes are mentioned in this chapter. Both became famous because of their wise leadership. Moses was raised and trained in all the wisdom of Egypt, yet it was not reflected in his actions as prince. Joseph, as a young man, said and did some very unwise things that he regretted, yet the wisdom he later exhibited as a leader came from God. Both men's lives give us hope when we know we have failed. Does it encourage you to realize that you have an unlimited supply of wisdom? All you need to do is ask.