

# CORE 4: Strengthening the Foundations of My Faith

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## Strengthening My Pursuit of Godly Wisdom

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52

**Our goal in 2024: To follow Jesus more closely.**

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies - I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life." 1 Kings 3:10-14

**Wisdom is the application of the eternal principles of God's Word.**

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.

Proverbs 4:7-8

### To Strengthen My Pursuit Of Godly Wisdom, I:

- I \_\_\_\_\_: Am I building my life on a healthy fear of the Lord?
- A) Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Proverbs 9:10
  - B) Fear means to recognize who God really is.
  - C) "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28
  - D) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. James 2:19
- II \_\_\_\_\_ daily alignment to my pursuit of Godly Wisdom.
- A) Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness. Proverbs 13:16

B) If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5

III \_\_\_\_\_ what God's Word says for every decision.

A) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

B) 10 Proverbs for pursuing godly wisdom.

1) Pride goes before destruction. (Proverbs 16:18)

2) The tongue has the power of life and death. (Proverbs 18:21)

3) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (Proverbs 4:23)

4) As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. (Proverbs 27:17)

5) A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. (Proverbs 15:1)

6) Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. (Proverbs 13:24)

7) Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the best part of everything you produce. (Proverbs 3:9)

8) A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest. Then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit. (Proverbs 6:10-11)

9) Choose a good reputation over great riches. (Proverbs 22:1)

10) You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail. (Proverbs 19:21)

IV \_\_\_\_\_ give into the pressure of popular opinion.

A) There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12

B) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

V \_\_\_\_\_ my reputation as a person of godly wisdom.

A) The opposite of wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_.

B) She (wisdom) offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly. Proverbs 3:16-18

Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning. Proverbs 1:7 (MSG)

#### My Next Step Is:

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Proverbs 4:7-8.
- I commit to live according to God's eternal wisdom.
- I will consider what God's Word says for every decision I make.
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