

"Blessed Is The One Who Finds Wisdom"
Proverbs 3:13-26

"More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; **sweeter also** than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is Your servant **warned**; in keeping them there is great **reward**."
(Psalm 19:10-11)

*"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people **longed to see what you see**, and did not see it, and **to hear what you hear**, and did not hear it."* (Matthew 13:16-17)

*"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of **the surpassing worth of knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and **count them as rubbish**, in order that **I may gain Christ**."
(Philippians 3:8)*

- **Introduction:** *Why is the wisdom of God talked about in this way, but I don't necessarily agree or feel that way about God's wisdom?*
 - Do I genuinely believe from the heart that having it and knowing it, is better than having or knowing anything else?
 - Are you in awe from the heart, that the full revelation of God has been given to man, in light of the fact that for most of humanity historically they did not have it and even today so many do not have access to God's Word?
 - Do I genuinely believe that knowing Christ and gaining Christ is the greatest reward?
- Proverbs 3:13-26:
 - (3:13): Man does not have wisdom naturally in himself: *"Fools despise wisdom and instruction."* (Proverbs 1:7b)
 - (3:14-15): We desire gold and silver because of what we can do or gain with it. Do we desire the fruit of God's wisdom? *"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."* (2 Corinthians 9:6b)
 - (3:16): We find how to glorify God in every aspect of life in God's wisdom. *"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."* (Romans 14:8)
 - (3:17-18): To be near God, to know God, is eternal life, true life! Pleasantness and peace are found in Christ.
 - (3:19-20): God's wisdom is powerful; by it He created the earth and by it He makes us new in Christ. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - (3:21-26): God has given us His Word that we would be at peace with Him and walk in peace in light of His promises. *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts You."* (Isaiah 26:3)

Announcements:

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** Our Annual Friendsgiving Dinner is THIS Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30pm, here at the church! There are two sign-up lists on the wall in the Entryway. If you plan on attending Friendsgiving, please sign-up and include the number of people who will be joining you for Friendsgiving. The other sign-up list is to volunteer to provide a food item for Friendsgiving.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a Members' Meeting THIS Sunday, November 16th, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to vote on the items presented at the October Members' Meeting. If you are currently a Church Member, please plan on staying for this important meeting.

★*For all other announcements, please see the screen before the worship service starts or the November Newsletter!*