

Good morning! Are you a wise person? I like to think of myself as wise (probably because I am full of sinful pride) but am I *really* wise? What is wisdom, anyway? The Bible has a lot to say about wisdom and the people we consider wise are sometimes not very good examples of biblical wisdom. In the Bible, wisdom starts with God and ends with God. If we want to be wise we have to do that, too! This morning, let's take a few moments to look together at one of my favorite wisdom passages:

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 3:13–15

I like this passage because I really identify with it. When I was young I thought I wanted to be wise. In college I focused on Philosophy and did well at it. I soon discovered, however, that I wasn't really learning wisdom; in fact, philosophy seemed to be an endless pursuit of wisdom without any intent of actually finding it! When God revealed Himself to me and I came to Christ, I suddenly began, almost in spite of myself, to discover a treasure trove of wisdom. God opened up the pages of the Bible to me and I began to discover Him on every page. He gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helped me to interpret what I was reading. It was in the Bible that I began to know the source of true wisdom. This was a wisdom for living, not just for endless conversations. The writer of today's passage says, "*Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.*" It's true! Wisdom is more precious than rubies---any number of rubies. The discovery of who God is, what He wants, and what He wants from us is far more valuable than any kind of financial gain. Guidance from the Holy Spirit is priceless. Do you want to be wise? Seek wisdom ...the wisdom that comes from God!