

Take Me to Your Leader

(WISDOM)

INTRODUCTION:

Proverbs, the 20th book of the Bible, with its detached sayings, has so much to say about many different subjects. Scattered throughout the book some 37 times, one finds the word WISDOM, a word most misunderstood, especially in our time: a time of HUMANISM with man basking in what he is able to do. A Chicago Tribune cartoon put it aptly by showing a man seated by his TV set listening to the evening news announcement, "By a vote of 7 to 2 today, the SUPREME COURT declared themselves to be GOD." Note the word WISDOM on this sheet as I make running comments on the verses listed. CHRIST IS WISDOM PERSONIFIED – 1 Corinthians 1:30. We trust HE is your LEADER. Is HE leading you?

- 1:7 – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
- Getting saved is the smart thing to do. Rejecting Christ as Savior even though possessing a high I.Q. is unwise. See Mark 8:36.
- 3:13 – "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."
- Anyone coming to Christ for salvation finds real happiness – see Psalm 107:9. It's like taking a shower on the inside!
- 21:30 – "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD."
- Nothing in the world has in all its wisdom can affect God's plans. God calls the shots, not man.
- 23:9 – "Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words."
- Don't waste precious time with a fool who has repeatedly rejected God's ways.
- 23:23 – "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."
- One can buy a Bible for pennies (there are also free ones in motel rooms placed by the Gideons). But you can't buy CHRIST – Isaiah 55:1.
- 29:15 – "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."
- Discipline meted out in love is God's answer for the child demanding his or her own way disobediently.

QUOTES ON WISDOM BY MEN OF YESTERYEAR:

"He that thinks himself the wisest is generally the greatest fool."

–Colton

"Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar."

–Wordsworth

"Much wisdom often goes with the fewest words." –Sophocles

"The wisdom of one generation will be the folly of the next." –Priestly

GOD'S ANSWER TO REAL WISDOM:

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." -Proverbs 9:10

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