



Series Memory verses:

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 *There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him:*

17 *haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

18 *a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,*

19 *a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.*

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Memory verses (Sept):

Prov. 19:23 *The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.*

Title: A Wise Man

Scripture: Proverbs 30

The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh—an inspired utterance.

*This man's utterance to Ithiel: "**I am weary, God, but I can prevail.***

2 Surely I am only a brute, not a man; I do not have human understanding.

3 I have not learned wisdom, nor have I attained to the knowledge of the Holy One.

1. A wise man acknowledges his weariness, weakness, sinfulness, humanity, and need for God.

- **These are spaces of weariness, weakness, sinfulness, and humanity in the COVID crises:¹**

- 1) Personal isolation
- 2) Discouragement
- 3) Relational Stress
- 4) Vocational and/or Ministry Fatigue
- 5) Bruised Egos
- 6) Neglected Spiritual Disciplines
- 7) Cultural Tensions
- 8) Protective Gatherings (inward focus, not outward focus)
- 9) Entrenched Idolatry

*4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Whose hands have gathered up the wind? Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is the name of his son? Surely you **know!***

2. A wise man knows God and the Son of God and makes Him known.

- **Live with eternity in mind**
- **Intentionally tell somebody about Jesus #giveme3**

5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

3. A wise man consumes and lives on the Word of God.

- **Hear the Word (corporate worship)**
- **Read the Word (personal worship)**
 - **Memorize & Meditate the Word (personal revival)**
- **Live the Word (small group discipleship)**
- **Share the Word (family, church family, lost)**

7 "Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die:

*8 Keep falsehood and lies **far from me**;*

give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'

Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

¹ 9 spaces of weariness was adapted from Chuck Lawless' sermon "General Tools of the Enemy" at SBCV Empowered Conference on Sept. 15, 2020.

4. A wise man prays continually for the right things:

- **That God would remove anything that would block his pursuit of godliness.**
 - **Pray to remove falsehood (hypocrisy)**
 - **Pray to remove lies**
 - **Our Godly Daddy is strong: There is NOTHING that you have gotten yourself into that Father God cannot get you out of.**
- **That God would not give him anything that would deter him from the path of godliness.**
 - **Pray that when things are good we don't forget God.**
 - **Pray that when things are bad we trust the hand of God.**

5. A wise man loves and leads with gentle strength and Godly wisdom. (10-33)

Now what?

- **Adopt the definition of manhood for your life. Meet with a small group or a close friend and discuss the definition.**
 - **A real man loves Jesus and lives intentionally for God's glory by:**
 - **accepting responsibility** (love and serve my family, my church family, and the lost),
 - **rejecting passivity and leading courageously** (lead, protect & provide for my family, my church family, and my community),
 - **and being led by the Spirit of God through the Word of God** (investing eternally anticipating God's greater reward).
- **Identify and remove any obstacle to the pursuit of godliness in my life.**
 - **Close the door to sins of isolation.**
- **Identify and walk the paths that help me pursue godly living.**
 - **Salvation - saving grace of Christ**
 - **Sanctification - sustaining grace of Christ**