

**HOW TO FIND AND GROW IN WISDOM**  
**#SermonWisdom**  
**Growing Like Jesus Grew - Part 1**  
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**Luke 2:52** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (NIV)

**Wisdom is: THE ABILITY TO CONSISTENTLY MAKE RIGHT CHOICES**

**Proverbs 4:7a** Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! (NLT)

**Proverbs 8:11** Wisdom is more precious than rubies. Nothing you could want is equal to it. (NCV)

**Proverbs 24:5** Wise people have great power... (NCV)

**What kind of power?**

- The power to CHANGE
- The power to LEAD
- The power to DECIDE
- The power to LIVE

**Job 28:20, 23** Where then is wisdom? ...<sup>23</sup> God is the only one who knows the way to wisdom. (CEV)

**Four Ways to Find and Grow in Wisdom**

**Proverbs 2:1-6** ...if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,<sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,<sup>3</sup> and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,<sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom... (NIV)

**1. ACCEPT GOD'S WORD**

**Psalms 19:7** The teachings of the Lord are perfect; they give new strength. The rules of the Lord can be trusted; they make plain people wise. (NCV)

**Matthew 7:24** Anyone who listens to My teaching and obeys Me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. (NLT)

**2. ASK FOR GOD'S HELP**

**2 Chronicles 1:10** Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of Yours? (NIV)

**James 1:5** If you need wisdom – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask Him and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. (NLT)

### **3. SEARCH FOR GOD'S WISDOM**

**Proverbs 16:16** It is better to get wisdom than gold, and to choose understanding rather than silver! (NCV)

**How do you seek wisdom?**

- By WANTING IT
- By WORKING FOR IT
- By WAITING FOR IT
- By WATCHING IT

**Proverbs 13:20a** He who walks with the wise grows wise... (NIV)

### **4. RESPECT FOR GOD'S GREATNESS**

**Proverbs 9:10** Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord... (NCV)

**Psalms 111:10** Reverence for the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey Him. (NLT)

**Proverbs 3:7** Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the Lord and refuse to do wrong. (NCV)

**Colossians 2:3** God has hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ. (GW)