

Forgotten Virtues

#1: Wisdom

Proverbs 4:7-8 *Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you.*

How To Gain Wisdom

1. Ask _____

James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

Proverbs 26:12 *There is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise.*

Key: _____ His wisdom

2. Learn to _____

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom*

Proverbs 8:13 *To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.*

3. _____

Proverbs 4:5 *Get wisdom...*

Develop the _____

Proverbs 24:30-34 *I walked by the field of a lazy person... I saw that it was overgrown with nettles... Then, as I looked and thought about it, I learned this lesson: A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit...*

a) Pay attention to what _____

Proverbs 13:20 *Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.*

b) Pay attention to what _____

Key: Autopsy all _____

Absolute Surrender by Andrew Murray

“At the bottom of all faith there is a feeling of helplessness.”

...and that is the secret of the spiritual life. A man must learn to say: ‘I give up everything; I have tried and longed and thought and prayed, but failure has come. God has blessed me and helped me, but still, in the long run, there has been so much of sin and sadness.’ What a change comes when a man is thus broken down into utter helplessness and self-despair, and says: “I can do nothing.”

“How am I to get that trust? My answer is: “by the death of self. The great hindrance to trust is self-effort. So long as you have got your own wisdom and thoughts and strength, you cannot fully trust God. But when God breaks you down, when everything begins to grow dim before your eyes, and you see that you understand nothing, then God is coming near, and if you will bow down in nothingness and wait upon God, He will become all.”

Benefits of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:11 **Wise** choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

Proverbs 2:12 **Wisdom** will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted.

Proverbs 2:16 **Wisdom** will save you from the immoral woman, from the seductive words of the promiscuous woman.

Proverbs 3:13 Joyful is the person who finds **wisdom**, the one who gains understanding.

Proverbs 3:18 **Wisdom** is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

Proverbs 3:19 By **wisdom** the LORD founded the earth; by understanding he created the heavens.

Proverbs 4:6 Don't turn your back on **wisdom**, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.