*The Father endowing the son, &*

*God's instruction for all of us*

8.14.18

# Proverbs 2

## *Internalizing God's word*

*God's thoughts become our thoughts*

### *Man's intellectual organization is darkness.*

**v. 1** **a.** The Bible is a book of light, knowledge and wisdom; unknown to man until God revealed it.

It's made available to man through mank intellect and no other way.

Prior to our intellect being exposed to the light of truth, our intellect is darkness.

That means, all intellectual acquisition is darkness; until through the process of spiritual maturity, the light of truth exposes these deep-seated beliefs.

**i.** Endurance:

The acquisition of spiritual knowledge ultimately comes down to volition

One of tests of spiritual growth is endurance.

This means sticking it out in Bible studies, memorization of scripture, and meditation on the word.

Because no matter where we are in the Word of God, whether we are dealing with prophecy, salvation, the spiritual life, marriage, or family relations, government and authorities, all of those that we learn, are part and parcel for shaping the way we are to think and look at the world around us, and to evaluate the circumstances, situations and decisions that come up.

And it's changing in the way we think, that enables us over time to think wisely, and not foolishly, accurately and not carelessly.

Consistency

**part and parcel:**

**Definition:**
If one thing is part and parcel of another, it is involved or included in it and cannot be separated from it.
Be separated sort/sunder were part and parcel of our home life.

**v. 2** Are we going to acquire Proverbs instructions for ourselves ?
Or are we living by our own ideas, our own values, our own concepts and opinions, and what makes us comfortable; or are we focused on that which will please God, and that which conforms to His creation, establishment principles, and what He has revealed in His Word?

**a.** Instruction to protect ourselves from the wicked, from the evil:

And the way to protect ourselves is by internalizing the Word of God into our heart, into our soul, so that every aspect of our thinking is shaped by God's Word.

By doing this we distance ourselves from the influence of wicked and immoral result in their opinion that we are taking this religious stuff a little too seriously.

The first condition of Ps. 2, is the foundation for everything in the chapter.

1 I we are going to seek
2 then we will understand
the path of divine discipline,
the path of self-destruction,
the path that leads to temptation.
3 I know that everything good is in me
4 I'm focus to recover the works of God and we have to treasure those commands.

**Developing the son's character vs.1-8**

**Proverbs 2:1–22 (NKJV)**
1 My son, if you receive my words,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding;
4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

Conditions for Character development

PARENTS CHILDREN WHAT THEIR CHILDREN'S CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AT A VERY YOUNG AGE

This is essentially making the Word of God not only our priority but also our passion.

To know the Word of God intensely, and passionately;

And this should drive us where everything else that we do in life is simply so that we can learn the Word, and grow in spiritual maturity.

Everything else is to feed that.

So the foundation for developing character is the priority of the son **to be humble and to listen, and to internalize the Word of God**

Romans 12:2

A conventional Wisdom Bible Conditions (verses 1-4) "If it was so"

It's about Volition, we are willing to receive his words and treasure his commands

Explanation of vs. 3

**The result of the if clause is that we will, come to know God**

5 Then you will understand **fear of the Lord**, And find the **knowledge** of God.
6 For the **Lord gives** wisdom. **From His mouth come knowledge and understanding**;

There is no earthly resource that can produce this knowledge and understanding.

It doesn't come from the science or history departments of the universities. It doesn't come from human sources; **it comes from God's Word**.

**God has given us in Scripture the information we need, to understand, to interpret** what's going on in the world's systems for handling life, and **to organize** all of God's methods for us to handle life, and **to prepare** for the judgment seat of Christ.

7 **He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.** or walk in integrity

God guards, He protects and preserves

8 **He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.** His godly saints

This is our spiritual goal: to learn righteousness so that it becomes part of our core character

**vs. 9-11 success** in **internalizing the word**

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and **every good path**.

Takes us to the idea of choices/ volition

This is not just an academic understanding; it is an understanding that permeates our thinking and how we do things.

We do things according to righteousness and justice! ..... And that's because

10 When **wisdom** enters your heart, And **knowledge** is pleasant to your soul,

This is born potential us, it preserves us through discretion and understanding

11 **Discretion** will preserve you; **Understanding** will keep you,

The second half of the chapter pertains to the way in which wisdom protects and preserves the son from the influence of evil.

That influence that comes:
via the culture,
via the peer group,
via the television, the media, etc.

If we want to protect our children from the influence of the world the only way to do that is to instill the Word of God into them from an extremely young age.

It is never too soon to start teaching them the Word of God.

**2c internalizing the word** we are delivered from evil

**It is the Word of God that protects us from the influence of the wicked and the evil**

12 **To deliver** you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,
13 From those who leave **the paths of uprightness** To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked;
15 Whose ways are crooked, And who are devious in their paths;

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**And it is the Word of God that protects us from the immoral woman**

16 **To deliver** you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words,
17 Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.
18 For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead;
19 None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life—

**and as a result that we may keep to the paths of righteousness.**

20 **So** you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness.
21 For the upright set down in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;

**There are consequences to sin and evil.**

22 But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

### *Time out: the foundation for everything in the chapter*

**v. 1** The starting point:
**Proverbs 2:1–22 (NKJV)**
1 My son, **if** you receive my words, And treasure my commands within

**It is the idea of actively grabbing something and making it part of one's own thinking, one's own being, where it is one's very own thoughts.**

**If you acquire my words so that they become your words and your thinking, is the idea.**

**i.** OT Examples of Internalizing: making God's words, our words, so that it becomes how we think.

**Proverbs 1:23 (NKJV)**
23 To **receive** the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;

**Proverbs 6:10 (NKJV)**
10 Hear, my son, and **receive** my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

**Proverbs 8:10 (NKJV)**
10 **receive** my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold;

**Proverbs 10:8 (NKJV)**
8 The wise in heart will **receive** commands, But a prating fool will fall.

**Proverbs 21:11 (NKJV)**
11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wiser, But when the wise is instructed, he **receive** knowledge.

**Great emphasis is placed on the extent of internalizing God's word:**

**Deuteronomy 6:5–9 (NKJV)**
5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Our whole focus in life is to use God's thoughts as our thoughts.

**ii.** NT Examples of Internalizing: making God's words, our words, so that it becomes how we think.

**Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)**
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

### *Wrap*