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Topic: Hard to Get!

Text: Proverbs 4:5-9

1. The knowledge of God's word is just hard facts and data. The accumulation of knowledge (facts) on God's Word is not hard, but getting understanding and wisdom (interpretation & application) are. If one only has knowledge without application, it is a failure. Therefore, God calls us to get wisdom. The pre-requisite of getting wisdom is to be born again because spiritual things are spiritually discerned. After that, one then must go all out to get wisdom by devoting time and effort. This is way more important than just accumulating Bible facts because it will protect you spiritually.
2. The wisdom of God is hard to get because we, as humans, often forget (v5). If one forgets about God and what God's Word says, we cannot apply what we have learnt in our daily lives. Many forget about God and their salvation experience because they get caught up in the world. They are consumed by the world and monetary gains. The way we live our lives and our motivation will prove if we really have the wisdom of God. Besides that, it is hard to get wisdom because we forsake God's Word (v6). This means that even though we may remember the right things to do according to God's Word, we do not do it and disobey God. We fear man rather than God.
3. Every one of us must check ourselves before God whether we have indeed gotten wisdom. A true believer who has wisdom will definitely promote wisdom. He has tasted wisdom and he will never let it go. He lives a life that promotes Christ in all that he does (v8-9). The more we live our lives according to God's Word, the more our lives will honour Christ. He will increase and we will decrease. And the more we promote Christ, the more we will be used by Christ.

*Don't be a fool -- Live a life that truly reflects the wisdom of God*