

SOP: Wisdom Series—The Beginning of Wisdom

Foundation of Wisdom—Learning the Fear of the Lord

While consecration is a posture of humility and devotion, the fear of the Lord is a condition of the heart that allows a person to be always living and walking by the Spirit.

Definition: To live and be in reverent awe of God's holiness; to give Him complete reverence and honor as the God of glory, majesty, purity and power. (awe—humility—surrender)

Wisdom is a sign of relationship—not accumulation of information

Proverbs 9:10

Psalms 111:10

Colossians 2:2-3

Developing God's Perspective

- Requires eyes that see and ears that have learned to recognize and discern the will of the Holy Spirit
- Seeing clearly—leads to thinking wisely—renewing the mind—growing in discernment for yourself and for others.
- Wisdom becomes a way of seeing—becoming—living—and building into the lives of others.
- How we learn to live faithfully before God

Becoming a Wise Person

- **Proverbs 4:5-9—Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding. Prize her, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a garland of grace; she will present you with a crown of beauty.**
- Wisdom is formed in our character before it is revealed in our decisions
- Qualities of wisdom are developed as we learn to receive correction
- Humility is the antidote to pride—which is the greatest obstacle to growing in His wisdom
- Wisdom is learned/acquired—through submission, suffering, study and seeking

Walking in Wisdom

- It is learned/demonstrated—through everyday choices
- James 3:15-18—what characterizes Godly wisdom—demonstrated in speech, relationships, stewardship of time/talent/territory/temple/treasure/testimony...