

LOVING GOD

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What are you passionate about? Can the things that you are passionate about be easily taken away (see Matthew 6:19-21)?

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1 Kings 4:29-34

How do you think Solomon became so wise?

King Solomon's passion was wisdom.

⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.

⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
though it cost all you have, get understanding.

⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you;
embrace her, and she will honour you.

⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head
and present you with a glorious crown.

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.

¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.

¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:5-12

DISCUSSION

- What do you think is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- Why do you think wisdom is personified?
- Who is "she"?
- What is the beginning of wisdom?
- Compare Proverbs 4:12 with Isaiah 40:31
- Compare Proverbs 4:7 with Matthew 13:44-46
- Compare Proverbs 8:23-30 with John 1:1-5 & Hebrews 1:10
- Compare Proverbs 8:17 with James 1:5 & Luke 11:9-13

Wisdom is . . .

a desire/passion to have a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe

a preparedness to sell everything to gain the one true thing of value

a life lived in righteousness

is a gift of God

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