

## **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9**

### SEEKING WISDOM'S PROMISE

Proverbs 2:4-6

When we go looking for something we may have misplaced, the effort we make in finding it depends upon its value and importance. Some things that are not so urgent, we may look quickly for them but in the process decide, "I'll look for that when I have more time." However, the valuable or items of necessity which get lost, all our time and energy may go into tearing everything up in order to find it.

Godly wisdom is to be placed in that category. We are told to search for it as we would for silver or a hidden treasure (Proverbs 2:4). In other words, we are not to consider it as unimportant or something I'll look for when I have the time. We should place it in the category of extremely important and valuable and something I desire to find.

Wisdom's starting point in our search is God's Word and the promise is that it is only given to those who earnestly seek it. Just as it takes effort on our part to find lost keys or some other vital item, we are to apply all diligence in the seeking of godly wisdom. The reward of that effort would be our understanding of the fear of the Lord (which is the beginning of knowledge: verse 7) and discovering the knowledge of God (Verse 5). God doesn't purposely hide these things from us. He wants to reveal and give understanding, but it is only reserved for those who seriously desire to go after and walk in God's ways and kept hidden from the rebellious and foolish.

Jesus also emphasized the same principle for the earnest seeker as well as the accompanying promise. "Keep asking and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7 HCSB) As we see the rewards and promise of our seeking godly wisdom, Proverbs 2 gives us the following promises:

1. God does give wisdom, knowledge and understanding as we previously mentioned (Verse 6).
2. He stores up success for the upright and is a shield for those who live with integrity (Verse 7).
3. He guards and protects the way of His loyal followers (Verse 8).

God's goodness, His favor and His wisdom are far more valuable than any riches we attempt to accumulate in this life. Wisdom speaks and we should listen and continue seeking it out. "With me are riches and honor, lasting wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than solid gold and my harvest than pure silver." (Proverbs 8:18, 19 HCSB)