

# Series: Wisdomology 101

**Message Title:** The Principal Think (part 1)

**Message & Scripture Highlights:**

Have a few people read the following scriptures:

**Proverbs 4:7**

Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

**1 Corinthians 1:24**

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Discussion Part 1:

Go around the group and take a survey of what has been some of the biggest personal challenges in Christian living. Write down a one-word summary for each issue. Now discuss how God's wisdom, being the principal thing, can be applied to that challenge. For example: Giving - what does wisdom say? Prayer - what does wisdom counsel? Divorce - what does wisdom encourage? Career - what does wisdom advise? Relationship - consider wisdom's direction. You will be amazed!

S.Marshall thoughts:

Too many Christians have tried to substitute for God's wisdom with other attributes that are precious, invaluable, but still not the principal thing. Why would we do that? It's a deception of the enemy and remember Galatians 6:7 says, "Don't be deceived." When you need wisdom and apply love, you misrepresent God's love, and ultimately misrepresent God. If you're son asked for a cup of water, would you give him a pillow? That would be silly. Right thing in the right place.

Have someone read:

**Proverbs 8:35-36**

For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth *and* obtains favor from the Lord.  
<sup>36</sup> But he who misses me *or* sins against me wrongs *and* injures himself; all who hate me love *and* court death.

**Proverbs 4:7-8**

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

<sup>8</sup> Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

### Discussion Part 2:

If you feel comfortable, please share an anecdote of when you missed wisdom and injured yourself. Tell the group what wisdom was trying to tell you that would have directed you onto the highway of God's pleasantness. How can we as a church family promote and exalt wisdom for God's glory? Think of it, do you use Facebook to promote your favorite coffee shop, vacation pic, flower, memory, purchase?

### Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

I never read the Bible but that I am on a fervent hunt for my Heavenly Father's wisdom. I always welcome God's Spirit of Wisdom to help us when we open the Word of Truth. If God would never do anything, create anything without wisdom, isn't it completely absurd to think we would do anything without wisdom? If you value your marriage, your kids, your finances, your legacy ... get wisdom!

### **Life Application:**

- 1) Everybody grab a blank piece of paper and pen.
- 2) Close your eyes and someone pray dedicating this blank page to wisdom.
- 3) Now on the top portion articulate your #1 petition, care, need, or request.
- 4) Draw a line to separate it from the rest of the blank page.
- 5) Now Proverbs 4:7 it - "get wisdom" - find, search out a scripture or two that best answers what is above the line. Get help if you need to, but GET that wisdom.
- 6) Now look at what you've done ... you've just put the principal thing underneath of your challenge.
- 7) Date it. Sign it. Save it. Begin to talk, pray, sing, say, rehearse only the principal thing for these next weeks. Exalt the wisdom. Tell the rest of the group your discovery and magnify it in your speech, thoughts, and meditations.

### **Now Pray The Word:**

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

*"We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto us the spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of His calling, & what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. God we claim Your wisdom as our principal thing through Jesus the Son ..." (Continue to pray specifically for one another's needs ...)*