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Proverbs 3:13-26

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What are you after?

What is your goal each day when you open your eyes?

Do you ever feel like the goal posts keep getting moved?

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What did you hear?

Did you catch what Solomon said?

Did you just get stopped in your tracks?

Did you have to go back and say “Just wait a minute”

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We are told that the way to the good life is through the pursuit of money and filling our lives with good things.

But whose definition of good are we using?

What exactly are these good things?

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**Blessed- others will desire what you have, be envious of
what you have achieved**

But it's not what we have been told.

**It's wisdom and understanding- things without a dollar
value.**

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We are to seek after, be intentional about, and purposefully seek out wisdom and understanding.

Wisdom and understanding are gifts from God

The pursuit of wisdom and understanding is the pursuit of knowing God.

Is the pursuit of knowing God more and more our daily goal?

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Many of us have 5-10 year plans. Plans about where we want to be, a lifestyle we hope to have and more.

Do we have a 5-10 year plan for where we want to be in our faith?

Do we have a 6 month plan for how we will get to know God more?

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Don't let them out of your sight!

What are your eyes set on now? This week?

**What distracts you? What causes you to take your eyes off
of God?**

What do we need to surrender to keep our eyes on God?

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- The life Solomon describes is a form of the life that advertisers and others tell us can only be achieved through a product or a dollar amount.**
- Yet Solomon says this life only comes through the pursuit of wisdom and understanding- pursuing God each day.**
- One of them is lying? Which do you believe? Which one do our choices reveal we believe?**

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- **Solomon describes here the life of a disciple.**
- **To pursue wisdom and understanding will turn everything we know upside down and in doing so we will finally discover life is right-side up.**
- **A disciple's journey doesn't end when Jesus comes into our hearts- it's ongoing for the rest of our life.**
- **Transformation of our lives isn't for the few, it's for everyone who will follow Jesus and who calls Jesus their Lord and Savior.**

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- **A disciple is someone who sees everyday as the means of knowing God more.**
- **They see each day as the place they get to practice and live out the wisdom of God.**
- **They see each day being filled with opportunities to surrender to Jesus, to serve and do good to others in Jesus' name, and to share with others what Jesus has done in their life.**

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- **Which belief system has been shaping your life?**
- **The belief that in pursuing money and the things of this world will bring a life of peace, rest, safety, contentment, joy, love, and fullness.**
- **The belief that only in pursuing knowing God more and more each and every day will bring the life of peace, rest, safety, contentment, joy, love, and fullness.**
- **Who do you believe? Who would others say you believe?**
- **What is one way we can pursue knowing God each day this week?**

**13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
14 for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with
her.**

**16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.**

**17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.**

**18 She is a tree of life to those who take
hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be
blessed.**

19 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,

by understanding he set the heavens in place;

20 by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,

and the clouds let drop the dew.

**21 My son, do not let wisdom and
understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and
discretion;**

**22 they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.**

**23 Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.**

**24 When you lie down, you will not be
afraid;**

**when you lie down, your sleep will be
sweet.**

**25 Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the
wicked,
26 for the LORD will be at your side
and will keep your foot from being
snared.**

**12 “I, wisdom, dwell together with
prudence;**

I possess knowledge and discretion.

13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil;

**I hate pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse speech.**

14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine;

I have insight, I have power.

**15 By me kings reign
and rulers issue decrees that are just;**

**16 by me princes govern,
and nobles—all who rule on earth.**

- 17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me find me.**
- 18 With me are riches and honor,
enduring wealth and prosperity.**
- 19 My fruit is better than fine gold;
what I yield surpasses choice silver.**

**20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
along the paths of justice,
21 bestowing a rich inheritance on those
who love me and making their treasuries
full.**