



Are You Lost In The Information Age?

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Not knowing

K _____

Knowing what to do with
what you know

I _____

Knowledge/Info

W _____

-I Kings 4:29-34; 10:1, 3-5, Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

Q: Is my ultimate purpose on this planet to simply gain more knowledge?

Q: If I gather enough information will I be happy and will life make sense?

THE GOOD NEWS: _____ is better than ignorance or foolishness.

-Proverbs 3:13, II Peter 1:5, Luke 2:5, Ecclesiastes 2:12-14a

1. Wisdom can _____ you. (2:12-14; 7:5)

2. Wisdom can create a positive _____ (7:11)

3. Wisdom can _____ you (7:12)

4. Wisdom can _____ you (7:19; 9:14-18)

THE BAD NEWS: Under the sun, wisdom has its _____.

-Ecclesiastes 1:16-17

1. Wisdom can be overpowered by _____. (9:18; 10:1)

Extortion turns wise people into fools, and bribes corrupt the heart. (Ecc. 7:7)

2. Wisdom can't deter _____. (1:4,11; 2:14-16;9:14-16)

3. Wisdom can't stop the _____ (1:18)

For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief. (Ecclesiastes 1:18)

4. Wisdom can't be fully _____. (7:23-29; 8:16-17; 11:5)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out. (Romans 11:33)

**The starting point for _____
is a right relationship with the God of wisdom.**
(Ecclesiastes 12:9-10, 12b-13, Prov.1:7)

But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?...it is hidden from the eyes of every living thing...God understands the way to it and He alone knows where it dwells...and He said to man, 'The fear of the Lord- that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'" (Job 28:12, 21a, 23,28) (Genesis 3:6)

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:2-3) (also I Cor. 1:24)

I KNOW...Job 19:25, Romans 8:28, II Cor. 5:1, I John 3:2, II Tim. 1:12

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What percentage of your life is consumed with "information"? Has that percentage gone up or down over the past five years?

Q2: Are you doing something to manage the time you give/waste on information? If so, explain.

Q3: Read Romans 1:18-25. What do these verses teach you about the relationship between man's search for truth and the God who created him?

Q4: Pastor David said that wisdom is valuable because it provides an inheritance. What valuable wisdom or knowledge did you inherit from your parents or family?

Q5: Study Jeremiah 9:23-24. What principles does that passage teach about what is truly valuable?

Q6: When you are searching for wisdom and counsel where do you go looking?

Q7: Read Ecclesiastes 1:16, 7:16 and 12:12b. Is there anything in these verses that shock you?

How do you connect what these verses are saying with a godly pursuit of knowledge and wisdom?

Q8: Why do you think mankind seems to be so set on striving to be "wise" while at the same time pushing the Lord away?

Q9: Pastor David mentioned five things that we can know. Which one means the most to you? Why?