

YPG III

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Theme: Discipleship

Title: Establishing The Place of God's Word in the Life of the Disciple (II)

Text: Mark 4, Proverbs 2: 1 – 5

GOING BEYOND KNOWLEDGE TO SEEK UNDERSTANDING

1. General
 - a. Knowledge
 - b. Experiences
2. Specific Understanding

A PECULIAR PROBLEM

Mark 4 cf. Isaiah 6

1. In Isaiah's time (Isaiah 6: 10)
 - a. Problem of the people
 - i. They do not see
 - ii. They do not hear
 - iii. They do not understand
 - b. Punitive
The Lord will allow this to happen
 - c. For Isaiah
 - i. Confession (Isaiah 6: 5)
 - ii. Cleansing (Isaiah 6: 6 – 7)
 - iii. He found understanding
2. In the days of Jesus (Mark 4: 12)
 - a. The same problem existed
 - b. Punitive element
3. The same problem exists today!

THE PRIVILEGE TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1. To you (disciples) it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God (Mark 4: 110)
2. But this privilege was not fully comprehended
The disciples did not apply themselves to understand! (Mark 4: 13, Mark 7: 18, Mark 8: 17, 21)
3. Understanding must be actively sought!

THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

Proverbs 2: 1 – 5

1. Conditions (“if” clauses)
 - a. If you receive my words
 - b. Treasure my commands
 - c. Incline your ear to wisdom
 - d. Apply your heart to understanding
 - e. Cry out for discernment
 - f. Lift up your voice for understanding
 - g. Seek her as silver
 - h. Search for her as for hidden treasures
2. Outcome (“then” clauses)
 - a. Then you will understand the fear of the LORD
 - b. And find the knowledge of God

BIBLE MEMORY TEXT

Proverbs 2: 1 – 5