

Sermon Notes

August 12, 2018

Essential Elements: Grow

Text: Proverbs 9:1-6; 13-



Exactly what do we mean by GROW?

Succinctly put, GROWING means increasing in the fruit of the Spirit and wisdom.

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”¹

[James 1:5 NLT]

Proverbs 9 is a tale of two ways of life vying for our attention and in the end our life. It is a contrast between WISDOM and FOLLY.

Wisdom is best described as a head [knowing God’s will], heart [having the courage], and hand [having the skill] matter.

How does God work in our lives to bring about wisdom?

- 1) Fear...27 times in the Bible we are instructed to “fear the LORD”.
 - a. healthy identity of who God is and who we are.
 - b. being aware enough of God that we have a healthy level of awe and reverence.
 - c. “fear of the LORD” brings about humility which is the fertile soil for wisdom to take root and grow.
- 2) Listen
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Tradition
 - c. Reason
 - d. Experience
- 3) Respond [next week’s sermon!]

Notes:

¹ Tyndale House Publishers. [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2013. Print.