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“Building Blocks for Life:

Adding to Your Spiritual Journey”

### “Building Blocks: Add Wisdom!” Core 14

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7*

#### A. God is infinitely wise...

*“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” Psalm 147:5*

1. Wisdom according to the dictionary is “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting”. Knowledge is “information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance”.
2. You can have knowledge without wisdom, but you cannot have wisdom without knowledge. It has been said, “Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.”
3. Biblical wisdom comes from a knowledge of God, receiving Christ, applying the Word of God, and knowing how to use it in daily life!

*“He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though He is surrounded by light.” Daniel 2:21-22*

*“Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and His ways! For who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give Him advice? And who has given Him so much that He needs to pay it back? For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.”*

*Romans 11:33-36*

#### B. Because He is all-wise...

*“The wisdom of God tells us that God will bring about the best possible results, by the best possible means, for the most possible people, for the longest possible time.” -Charles Ryrie*

1. God is omniscient!

*“He counts the stars and calls them all by name. How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” Psalm 147:4-5*

2. God knows all about us!

*“You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.” Psalm 139:2-4*

3. God knows all about our past, present, and future!

*“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16*

4. Because He knows all things, nothing comes to our lives by accident or is a surprise to God! God’s wisdom in your life means that whatever you are experiencing, whatever your circumstances, it comes as that is the only way His will can be accomplished in your life. If there were a kinder, faster, or more expedient way...He would do it! What you are in...is exactly what you need! God will use all that comes into our lives to accomplish His will.

*“In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For He gives His sunlight to both the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.” Matthew 5:45*

*“Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:21-24*

*“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.” Romans 8:28*

#### C. So, upgrade to God’s wisdom...

*“To believe actively that our Heavenly Father constantly spreads around us providential circumstances that work for our present good and our everlasting well-being brings to the soul a veritable benediction. Most of us go through life praying a little, planning a little, jockeying for position, hoping but never being quite certain of anything, and always secretly afraid that we will miss the way. This is a tragic waste of truth and never gives rest to the heart...There is a better way. It is to repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God... God has charged Himself with full responsibility for our eternal happiness and stands ready to take over the management of our lives the moment we turn in faith to Him.” - A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy*

1. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
2. Knowing, loving, and fearing God all work together. (Fearing to see joy, hope, refuge in any other place, but God. Fear in trusting anything else, but God.)
3. Humility is directly linked to wisdom. Humility is teachable, open to change, growth, counsel, reason, truth, and ready to be corrected.
4. Wisdom hears and puts it into practice.

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.” Matthew 7:24*

5. Wisdom comes by mature judgment.

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2*

6. Wisdom grows!

*“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.” Colossians 1:9*

#### D. Get wisdom...

1. Begin by first desiring wisdom.

*“If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.” Proverbs 4:8*

*“Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.” Proverbs 2:4*

2. Wisdom is found by knowing the Word of God.

*“The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.”*

*Psalm 19:7*

*“Wise words are like deep waters; wisdom flows from the wise like a bubbling brook.” Proverbs 18:4*

3. Wisdom requires that we ask for it.

*“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5*

4. Wisdom is strengthened by realizing that life is short and wisdom is eternal.

*“Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.” Psalm 90:12*

5. Wisdom is achieved through Jesus!

*“The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen.” Matthew 12:42*

*“But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

*1 Corinthians 1:24*

*“God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin.” 1 Corinthians 1:30*

*“In Him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

*Colossians 2:3*

*“For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding ‘Yes!’ And through Christ, our ‘Amen’ (which means ‘Yes’) ascends to God for His glory.” 2 Corinthians 1:20*

*“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:6*

**January 19: Core 15 – Building Blocks:**

**Add ‘At One with God’**

*“But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5*