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Proverbs 2:1-5

Singapore ranks as world's most emotionless society: survey



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...nearly 9 in 10 Singaporeans are working beyond their official hours

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With finite resources:

A choice to do one thing, means
a choice not to do another.

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Proverbs 2:6

For the Lord gives wisdom; from
his mouth come knowledge and
understanding;

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Job 23:12

Neither have I gone back from
the commandment of his lips; I
have esteemed the words of his
mouth more than my necessary
food.

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Theme:

Earnestly seek the wisdom of
God's Word as a priority.

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A. Condition: Seek God's Word as a priority

1. Attitude – Receive, Treasure and Learn

2. Action – Ask, Seek and Search

B. Result: Growth in relationship with God

1. Practical: Understand the fear of the LORD

2. Personal: Increase in knowledge of God

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Proverbs 2:1

2 preliminary observations:

1. “My son...” - A Paternal Appeal
2. “If...then” – A Conditional Promise

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A. Seek God's Word as a priority (vv.1-4)

- Note parallel objects in vv.1-2

words/commandments (v.1)
=wisdom/understanding (v.2)

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A. Seek God's Word as a priority (vv.1-4)

1. Attitude – Receive, Treasure and Learn (vv.1-2)

“Receive” - Receive

“Hide...in your heart” – Treasure

“Incline thine ear, apply thy heart” - Learn

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“Receive” God’s Word

- Hear
- Read
- Others – online, audio, DVDs.

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Treasure: Hide in your heart



Matt 6:21

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- Treasure: Store, Remember, Memorize!



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- Learn:
“Incline
thine Ear”
“Apply
thine Heart”

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Learn: Incline thine Ear, Apply thine Heart

- Be Teachable – Holy Spirit will teach!
- Be Thinking – Respond to apply!

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A. Seek God's Word as a priority (vv.1-4)

1. Attitude – Receive, Treasure & Learn (1-2)

2. Action – Ask, Seek & Search (3-4)

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2. Action – Ask, Seek and Search (vv.3-4)

- “Cries after, liftest up thy voice for...”
- “Seek as silver”
- “Search as hidden treasure”

Language of pursuit —implies effort, enthusiasm.

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Ask - “Crist after, liftest up thy voice for...”

- Ask the Source to impart wisdom!



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Seek & Search (as silver & hidden treasure)

- Read & re-read – to understand & apply
- Language of value (2:4)—this implies adjusting our priorities to what God says is most valuable.

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B.Result: Grow in relationship with God (v.5)

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- Practical:
 - “Understand the fear of the LORD” –
 - O.T. concept
 - positive - reverence / love
 - negative – fear of consequences of sin

 - Effect: Right living – departure from sin

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- Personal: “Knowledge of God”

John 17:2

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent

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- Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

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