

AN ANSWER TO OUR SEARCH FOR WISDOM ECCLESIASTES 1:12-18

Introduction - the importance of asking good questions

I. THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

- A. The Teacher's credentials (1:13,14,17)
- B. The Teacher's conclusions
 - 1. There is no ultimate m_____ (1:14)
 - 2. Some things can't be f_____ (1:15a)
 - 3. Some gaps cannot be c_____ (1:15b)
 - 4. More knowledge means more p_____ (1:18)
- C. The Teacher's limitations (1:13,14)

II. THE SOURCE OF WISDOM: JESUS CHRIST

• *Colossians 2:3; I Corinthians 1:24-30*

- A. Wisdom to understand the m_____ of l_____
- B. Wisdom to cope with s_____
- C. Wisdom for d_____ d_____

DAILY BIBLE READINGS APRIL 23-29

FOLLOW-THROUGHS

The follow-through readings this week show the contrast between human wisdom and the wisdom that God gives through Jesus Christ.

Monday *I Corinthians 1:1-17*

The Corinthians believers were very talented in a number of ways. But there were some very serious problems among them. Why is it that highly gifted people can sometimes have such a difficult time getting along with one another, and that very intelligent people can be lacking in practical wisdom in interpersonal relationships? Ask the Lord to reveal to you any areas of pride that have become a barrier in your relationships to others.

Tuesday *I Corinthians 1:18-30*

In what ways does Paul contrast the wisdom of the world with the wisdom of God? What does it mean that Christ has become for us wisdom from God (1:30)?

Wednesday *I Corinthians 2:1-11*

How does Paul describe his ministry at Corinth? Why did he choose this approach?

Thursday *I Corinthians 2:11-16*

What is the role of the Spirit of God in enabling our understanding of spiritual truth?

Friday *I Corinthians 3:1-22*

What does disunity in our relationships with fellow-Christians indicate about our level our maturity, and our depth of understanding God's truth? How should verses 5 through 10 affect our attitudes toward our Christian leaders?

WARM-UP READINGS

Saturday *Ecclesiastes 2:1-3*

Examine the advertisements you are exposed to today. How do they appeal to the desire for pleasure? What values are promoted through today's advertising?

Sunday *Ecclesiastes 2:4-11*

To what degree have you found lasting satisfaction in the things you have bought or the projects you have accomplished? To what extent do you believe you would be more satisfied if you had more money?