# **GETTING A GRIP ON LIFE**

#### SUMMER WISE - SUMMER NOT - Part 1

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#### WHAT IS WISDOM?

# • Wisdom – Seeing and responding to life from God's PERSPECTIVE.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 3:16-18 (CEV) In her right hand Wisdom holds a long life, and in her left hand are wealth and honor. 17Wisdom makes life pleasant and leads us safely along. 18Wisdom is a life-giving tree, the source of happiness for all who hold on to her.

# WHAT WILL WISDOM DO FOR ME?

- Wisdom Brings a LONG LIFE
- Wisdom Brings WEALTH
- Wisdom Brings HONOR
- Wisdom Brings PLEASURE
- Wisdom Brings SECURITY
- Wisdom Brings HAPPINESS

#### HOW DO I GET WISDOM?

### 1. I Have To READ God's Word.

Proverbs 1:1-3 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. 2Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. 3Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

# 2. I Have To DO What It SAYS.

Proverbs 7:1-2 (CEV) My son, pay close attention and don't forget what I tell you to do. 20bey me, and you will live! Let my instructions be your greatest treasure.

James 1:22 Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

## 3. I Have To Get To KNOW God Better.

Proverbs 1:7 (CEV) Respect and obey the Lord! This is the beginning of knowledge. Only a fool rejects wisdom and good advice.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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1 Corinthians 1:24 Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.