

WISDOM

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

(3Jn 1:2)

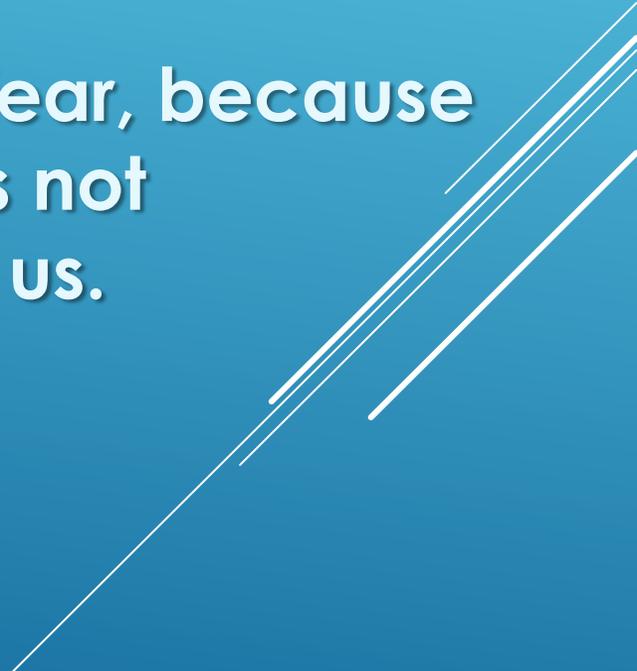
TRAIN OURSELVES TO LISTEN TO HIM

- ▶ "But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the dread of evil." (Pro 1:33)
- ▶ Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. (Pro 2:2-5)

BENEFITS OF LEARNING THE WISDOM OF GOD

- ▶ My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity, Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and* every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you,
- ▶ (Pro 2:1-11)

WHERE DOES WISDOM BEGIN?

- ▶ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
 - ▶ (Pro 9:10)
 - ▶ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.
 - ▶ (1Jn 4:18-19)
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THE PROMISE OF WISDOM

▶ Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones. Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

▶ (Pro 3:5-10)