

PASTOR'S BLOG April 8, 2020 The Way of The Wise

*Proverbs 1: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—*

Knowledge is valued in our culture. The more degrees you have, the more credible you become and the more weight your words have. Today we are trusting in and looking to medical authorities for their advice in how to handle and eventually cure the Covid-19 pandemic and it is right we should do so.

In our lives we are reading about Covid-19 and listening to experts on the virus so that we can gain knowledge of how to protect ourselves and our families from this deadly disease. Proverbs says we also need wisdom if we are to live our lives to the fullest

Tim Keller in his commentary on Proverbs defines wisdom in this way ... *Biblical wisdom, however, brings discernment to the skill of the daily living of life itself. To be wise is to recognize multiple options and possible courses of action where others can imagine only one or two. Wisdom discerns multiple dimensions to people's motives and character, rather than putting everyone into the binary categories of "good people" and "bad people." Discernment is also the ability to tell the difference not just between right and wrong but also among good, better, and best.*

Jesus,

Give us the wisdom to live each day in the light of your word and to add to our knowledge true wisdom as we listen to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, pray and read your word. Amen.