

1. Introduction

- a. "Word of God" - Scripture (sacred text), Bible
  - Bible contains history, songs, poetry, sermons, prophecies, parable stories, God's speeches, cultural proverbs, customs & practices of different cultures, ethics
- b. Allow Christ's words stay inside you
  - rich wisdom to meditate on
  - meditate on His words to build your world view & ethics & behavior
  - Christ's words to build your personal philosophy of life
    - \* framework of motivation
    - \* well spring of will to act

2. Difference between knowledge & wisdom

- a. fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge
- b. fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- c. knowledge are factual reality
- d. wisdom how to organize facts & use them morally & ethically
- e. Truth matters, good matters, morals matters

3. Wisdom Differences

- a. Heavenly wisdom: from God in heaven
  - pure
  - good
  - always openly revealed

} kingdom of light
- b. Devilish wisdom
  - based on evil
  - concealed, deceitful
  - hides secrets/motivations

} kingdom of darkness

#### 4. Teaching & Admonishing

##### a. Teaching something new

- to grow in knowledge
- to remove ignorance

##### b. Admonishing is ~~repetition~~ <sup>repetition</sup>

- to correct problem
- to correct misapplied knowledge
- to warn about predicted course of action
- to bring person back on course after veering off course or after wrong turn

##### c. Beyond academic spheres of knowledge

- must reach down to inner person
- reach down into place of motivations & decisions
- reach down into source of behavior & actions of individual

#### 5. Songs & singing

##### a. Types of songs

- psalms: poetry put to sound
- hymns: songs with doctrine
- spiritual songs: singing with life experience

##### b. Songs have rhythm & sound

- using the ear gate & feeling (touch) gate to put truth/teaching into inner person
- also source of expressing thanksgiving
- expressing rhythms of life

##### c. Singing can be expressed quietly on inside or outside yourself

- vocally with your voice
- walking with a joyful bounce to your step
- showing bright smile on your face