# "The Glow of Godly Wisdom"

"Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed." (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

### **Way of Wisdom**

<u>Proverbs 4:18</u> – "But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

<u>Proverbs 15:24</u> – "The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to the grave." (NIV)

Matthew 7:13-14 - <sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

## **Lights of the World**

<u>Psalm 34:5</u> – "Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed."

<u>Daniel 12:3</u> – And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

<u>Philippians 2:15-16</u> - <sup>15</sup> "...children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life..."

Acts 6:15 – "And gazing at (Stephen), all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel."

#### **What Wisdom Looks Like**

<u>James 3:13</u> – "Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom."

Walking, Not Running

Inner Life over Outer Life

**Spirit Led, Spirit Fed** 

**Delayed Gratification over Instant Gratification** 

**Order Oriented** 

**Maximizing Jesus** 

#### **Doing Yourself & Others a Favor**

<u>Proverbs 9:10-12</u> - <sup>10</sup> "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. <sup>11</sup> For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. <sup>12</sup> If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it."

2 Samuel 20:15-16, 22 – <sup>15</sup> "And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down. <sup>16</sup> Then a wise woman called from the city, 'Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, 'Come here, that I may speak to you.'

<sup>22</sup> Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king."

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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