

Limitless (Part 2) Limitless Wisdom

(Psalm 111:10)

Introduction: We are currently in a sermon series I have entitled “Limitless,” where we are learning to break off the limits we have placed on ourselves in the past and looking ahead at our great potential.

Today, I want to talk to you about how we can all break the limits of wisdom we have exercised in the past and instead, enjoy a life full of limitless wisdom! There are many smart people who are also very foolish. In the age of the internet, knowledge is abundant, but wisdom is rare. So, to understand the difference, the first thing we see is....

I. We must acknowledge the value of wisdom:

1. Wisdom is better than knowledge –

- a. As we have said, wisdom is more than just knowledge or information.
- b. Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge and experience to make sound decisions and judgments.
- c. Wisdom is the right use and application of knowledge and experiences.

As Nelson Boswell said, the difference between greatness and mediocrity is often how an individual views a mistake.

True wisdom knows how to do this... And having a right perspective and use of our knowledge and experiences is what paves the road to our success. (But how do we gain such wisdom?)

2. The Psalmist tell us that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Ps. 111:10)

This is not the only place in the Bible we read this same instruction with a slightly different application.

- Job tells us in Job 28:28
- Prov 1:7 tells us -
- Prov 9:10 Tells us –
- In Eccl 12:13 Solomon’s biography of his life says,

All of these other passages indicate two things about the value of wisdom to us; First...

1. **Wisdom begins with a proper fear of God** –It is the loving and reverential fear of a child for his or her parents.
 - a. We have a loving fear of the Lord because we know His works (v.4, 7)
 - His great works of compassion - the psalmist reminds us: He gives food (cf. 132:15; 136:25; 145:15; 146:7) to those who fear Him;
 - He remembers His covenant, and He faithfully keeps His promises: in the Conquest He gave His people the lands He promised.
 - We see the works of His hands in creation – (Rom. 1:20)
 - We see His great works of power – (vv.7 -9)
 - We Know God’s works are guaranteed by His great name – (v.9)
 - b. Fear of the Lord comes from, learning of God, knowing God, submitting to God, and obeying God His commandments. (John 7:17).

As we cultivate a right relationship with the Lord: we fear Him, learn His will from His Word, and obey what He commands...

2. True wisdom comes from God – Certainly the world has its wisdom, but if it does not come from the source of all wisdom, it will end in futility.

The true value of wisdom is that it erases negative fear and replaces it with healthy fear that can direct our paths and lead us in understanding.

II. We must acknowledge God has unlimited wisdom:

A. God’s wisdom is limitless - God’s wisdom is superior in every way to human wisdom.

- Our God is omniscient – all knowing (Ps. 147:5; 1 Jn.3:20; Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13)
- The Lord Himself has said of His wisdom... (Isa 55:9)
- The Apostle Paul said, God’s wisdom was humanly impossible to exhaust (Rom. 11:33)
- The Bible states that (the wisdom that comes from God (Prov 16:16)

B. God’s wisdom is available to all who seek it. (Js. 1:5)

1. We can ask God for wisdom in any situation, and He will provide it to us.
2. So God’s limitless wisdom can be dispensed to all those who will seek it!

III. We must acknowledge we have limited wisdom:

A. In order to gain wisdom, we must first have a humble heart and a willingness to learn. (Ps 19:7-11; Isa. 55:8)

B. We must be willing to put our trust in God and follow His guidance. (Prov. 3:5-6)

IV. We must acknowledge true (unlimited) wisdom comes from God:

A. The road to God’s wisdom is fear of the Lord... The practical application of this is found in Psalms 112. (3 things are called for...)

1. We must commit to know His Word
2. We must commit to understand His word
3. We must commit to obey His word... those that do will never lack the wisdom they need.

B. The results of God’s wisdom are those who obey the Lord are granted” His unlimited wisdom...” In order to obtain God’s wisdom: Spiritual requirements for gaining wisdom:

- Reverence (Prov 9:10) , Humility (Prov 11:2, 15:33)
- Teachable (Prov 9:9, 15:31, 19:20), Diligence (Prov 8:17, 2:4-5)
- Uprightness (Prov 2:7), Faith (James 1:5-8).

To break the restraints and have unlimited wisdom for daily living by seeking God’s unlimited wisdom, should be the business of every believer, everyday!