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I like to think that I most often turn to God, the One who has all knowledge, wisdom & understanding, but **sometimes God just doesn’t seem to answer!**

When an answer from God doesn’t seem to come, we should turn to what He has already said! **The Bible is God’s Word, already spoken to us!**

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We have THE instruction manual for life, but too often we do with it what men often do with other instructions & manuals – **we neglect to use it!**

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*“Information is about facts, and knowledge is about fitting related facts together. **But wisdom is about using knowledge well.**” – A Proverbs Driven Life*

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I’m not saying that this book alone is sufficient, but it is a great starting point!

The book of Proverbs was written (mostly) by Solomon! Remember him?
Solomon asked God for knowledge & wisdom, & God gave it to him!

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So as we read it, it’s not just a wise man’s opinion, it’s the very truth of God!

The best way to “fool-proof” your life, is to fill it with the wisdom of God, and what better way to start than to read this book! *September challenge*

My experience w/Proverbs as a teen shaped my life. It can for you too!

Pursuing wisdom, and see if you don’t reap the benefits!

Read **Proverbs 2:1-12a** & take note of the value found in this pursuit

- You will gain the fear of the Lord & find the knowledge of God. - vs. 5
- God will give you not only knowledge, but understanding as well! – vs. 6
- God will store up in you sound wisdom. – vs. 7
- **God will be a shield for you as you walk through life.** – vs. 7
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Who wouldn’t want this in their lives? **It’s worth is beyond compare!**

But to gain it, we must live out **Proverbs 2:1-5!** Read it again!

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But know that, *“The book of Proverbs will not allow you to be a passive learner, merely soaking up information. It requires you to put God’s wisdom to work in your life.”* **Proverbs 3:1-7** shows us what that looks like!

Alone we can’t do this, but we are not alone. Christ, who has done it, is with us, & at this table He empowers us, by the Holy Spirit, to put God’s wisdom to work in our lives & to trust God’s grace & power to accomplish it!

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