## Do You Want Wisdom?

Many of you know that Megan and I were missionaries in the Philippines. We lived on a little island called Barangonan, with a people group called the Calamian Tagbanwas who spoke a language called Cuyonon.

Knowing how to speak Cuyonon on Barangonan had its benefits. It was incredibly enjoyable and rewarding to be able to speak to our neighbors and friends in their heart language. We loved being able to communicate ideas and have deep conversations, but the most rewarding part was being able to share the Gospel.

Knowing how to speak Cuyonon was a valuable skill, but learning to speak it didn't come naturally to either of us. We had to work for it.

The same is true for wisdom. Wisdom is valuable, but it will not fall in your lap. If you want it, you have to go and get it.

#### The Benefits of Wisdom (Proverbs 2:6-22)

Wisdom has innumerable benefits to the person who has it, but here Solomon lists four.

- 1. Access to a reservoir of godly wisdom
  - <sup>7</sup> he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
- 2. Protection in general

he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

- <sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice
- and watching over the way of his saints.
- 3. Protection from evil men
- 4. Protection from the adulterous woman

### You Have to Go and Get It (Proverbs 2:1-6)

Notice the verbs that Solomon uses. They are not passive words, but rather active ones. To gain wisdom, there are things that one must do. You must search for it, call out for it, look for it, and seek it like one who mines silver. Wisdom is something that you must pursue.

#### **How Do You Get Wisdom?**

- 1. Recognize where wisdom comes from. It comes from God and is found in His word.
  - <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom;

from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

2. Go and get it. Set a goal, write it down, and find someone to purposefully study God's word with.

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