**As for me and my house – Pr. 3:13**

**Focal Truth: Godly parents treasure God’s Word & teach their children to treasure it**

As a parent how important is God’s word in the life of your family?

Do you spend time as a family reading and discussing God’s word?

Have you discovered in your personal life the treasure & value of God’s word?

Have you discovered the greatest treasure of all the Lord Jesus Christ?

**Observations**

1. **Godly parents are blessed when they find God’s wisdom in Jesus Christ and share Christ with their children – 3:13**

*How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and who gains understanding*

1. Blessed = happiness – blessedness
2. Finds = secures, acquires, discovers
3. Wisdom = shrewdness
4. The blessing of God’s wisdom is found in Jesus Christ – He is the word of God

Heb. 4:12 – 13 – no creature is hidden from His sight all things laid bare to Him

1. 1 Cor. 1:24 – but to those who are called both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God
2. John 1:41 - Andrew, found his brother Simon and said to him, we have found the Messiah, which is translated means Christ
3. Isa. 11:2 – The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of God
4. **Godly parents are blessed when they gain wisdom & understanding from God’s word and teach their children to gain it – 3:13**

*How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and who gains understanding*

1. Understanding = insight
2. Gains = to obtain
3. God’s word is the wisdom of God & gives the wisdom of God

Pr. 1:2 – to know wisdom & instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding

Pr. 1:4 – gives prudence – wisdom to the naïve, to the youth knowledge & discretion

Pr. 2:6 – for the Lord gives wisdom from His mouth comes knowledge understanding

1. God’s word gives understanding for knowing God & life circumstances

*Solomon prayed –“so give your servant an understanding heart”* – 1 Kg.3:9

3:14 - God’s word brings great profit to those who find it

3:15 – God’s word is precious nothing compares to it

3:16 – God’s word provides life blessings – long life, riches & honor

3:17 – God’s word is pleasing & produces peace

Ps. 119:130 – The unfolding of Your words gives light, it gives understanding to the simple

2 Tim. 3:15 – from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus

1. **Godly parents treasure God’s word and teach their children to treasure it - 3:21**

*My son, let them not vanish from your sight, keep sound wisdom and discretion*

1. Ps. 119:11 – Your word I have treasured in my heart that I may not sin against you
2. Ps. 119:162 – I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great spoil
3. Ps. 119: 167 – my soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly
4. Pr. 3:22 – 23 - so they will be life to your soul…you will walk in your way securely

**How to treasure God’s word**

1. Read God’s word daily
2. Repeat God’s word frequently in your families
3. Talk about God’s word throughout your day
4. Obey God’s word in the circumstances of your life

**Things to Remember**

1. Nothing compares with the wisdom of God in Jesus Christ the Lord
2. Finding Jesus Christ is the greatest discovery in life
3. God’s word gives wisdom to those who find it
4. The greatest treasure is knowing Jesus Christ & knowing God’s Word

**Daily Use – Family Challenge**

1. As parents, make sure that you have found Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior
2. As parents, commit to improve your time in God’s word
3. As a family talk about the value of God’s word compared to other things
4. As a family – read, talk & learn God’s word together!

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