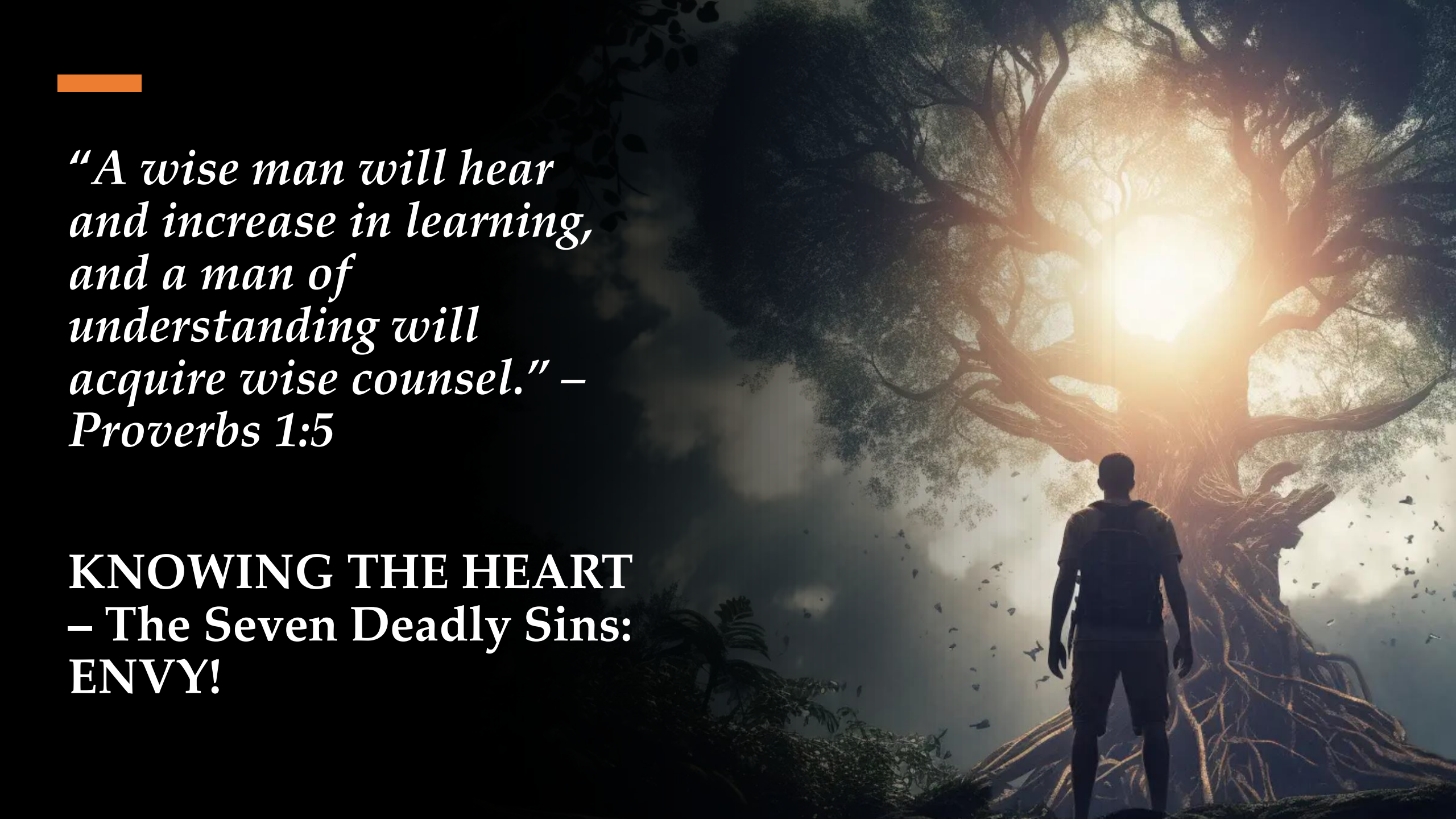


A person stands in silhouette, facing a massive, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots and a dense canopy. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky with scattered clouds and falling leaves. The word "WISDOM" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the upper middle of the image.

WISDOM

for the journey

A person is standing in silhouette on a rocky outcrop, looking towards a massive, ancient tree. The tree's trunk is thick and gnarled, with many roots exposed. A bright, glowing light emanates from behind the tree's canopy, creating a strong backlight effect. The sky is filled with soft, hazy clouds and many small birds are seen flying in the air. The overall mood is contemplative and majestic.

*“A wise man will hear  
and increase in learning,  
and a man of  
understanding will  
acquire wise counsel.” –  
Proverbs 1:5*

**KNOWING THE HEART  
– The Seven Deadly Sins:  
ENVY!**

A person stands with their back to the camera, looking up at a massive, ancient tree. Sunlight streams through the dense canopy of green leaves, creating a bright, ethereal glow. The scene is set in a lush, tropical environment with other foliage visible in the lower left. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

# WISDOM

for the journey

We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust or avoid; along with being measured by the plumbline of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives.

Proverbs is about **how to** live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life.

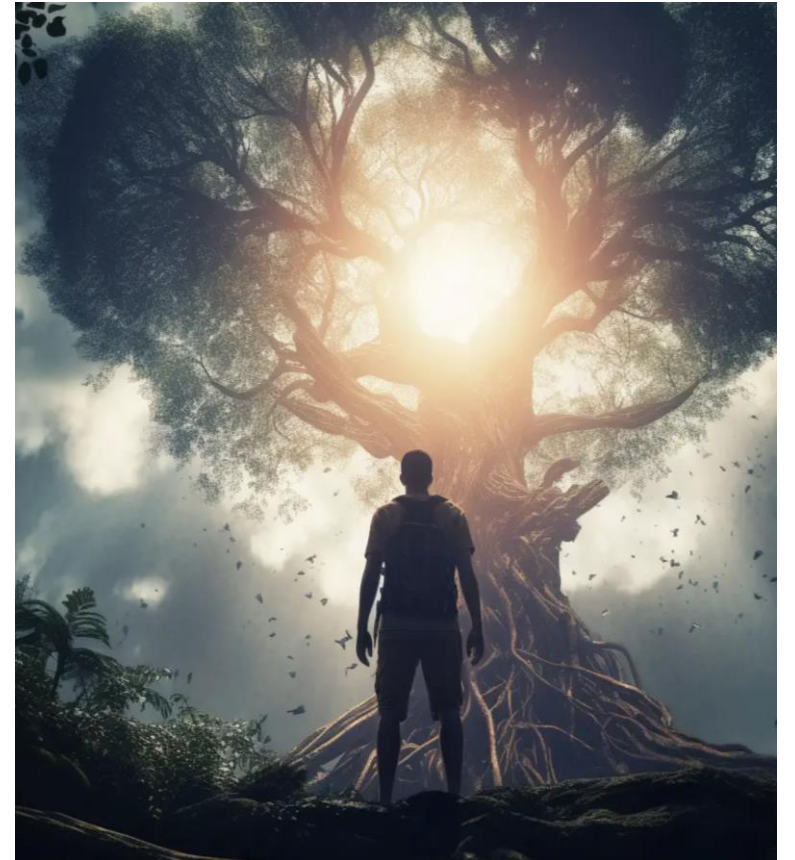
In this study, we will look and listen to hear God's voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey!

# THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: ENVY!

## – Whose life do you wish you had?

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1. **THE POWER OF ENVY** - Proverbs 14:30 → Admit the things you envy – other people's bodies, bank accounts, relationships, and many other things. It robs you of joy and leaves you miserable and dissatisfied.
2. **GOD IS JEALOUS** (Exodus 34:14) → God is jealous *for* something. Jealousy is "the proper intolerance of disruptive intrusion and is thereby a mark of love (as the opposite of indifference). Jealousy in its essence is a commitment to a relationship (II Cor. 11:1-3).
3. **SINFUL ENVY** → Sinful jealousy is not jealousy for but of someone. Envy is wanting someone else's life. It can literally eat you up!

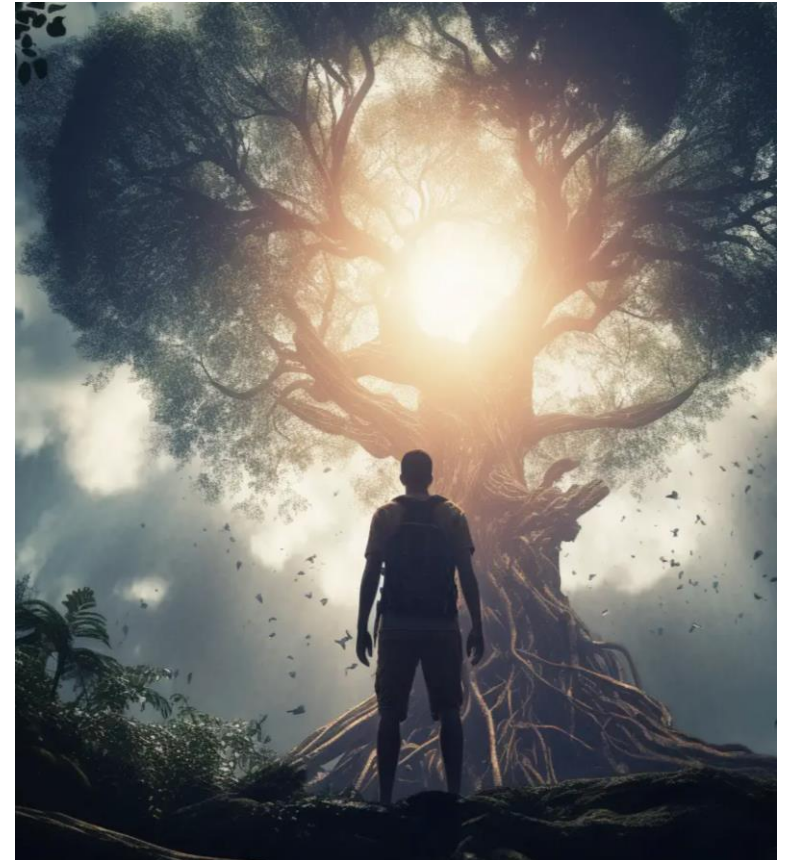


# THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: ENVY

– Is there someone you feel has the life you deserve more?

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1. **THE EVIL OF ENVY** – Proverbs 27:4 → We need the ability to be happy for people who have what we badly want. Otherwise, we live in resentment. We need help to love without envy!
2. **RESENTMENT** → Jealousy can be more harmful than anger. In envy we don't just want other people's lives; we resent and begrudge them their lives. In praise you recognize people who are better than you and you rejoice in it. But in envy you recognize people who are better off and you burn with bitterness.
3. **LOSS OF EMPATHY** → Envy is being unhappy at other people's happiness. Envy weeps because of those who are rejoicing and rejoices if they are weeping (Romans 12:5). Jesus modeled empathy (Isaiah 63:9 – "In all their distress he too was distressed.")

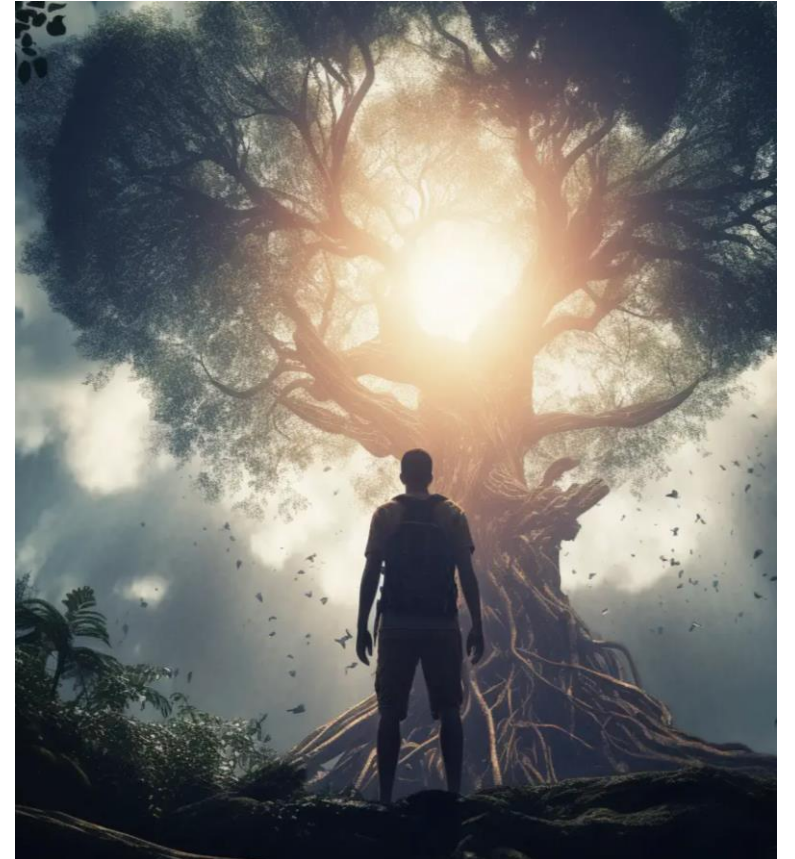


# THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: ENVY

## - The Gospel frees us to enjoy the life we have!

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1. **THE ANTIDOTE TO ENVY** - Proverbs 23:17-18, 24:19-20 → Envy stems from 2 preoccupations.
  1. **OBSESSED** → We are obsessed with what we deserve. Our hearts refuse to remember grace and instead think only of what we have earned.
  2. **PREOCCUPIED** → We are preoccupied with the present. The solution is to look up to the Lord (23:17) and look ahead in hope (23:18).
2. **JESUS** → Jesus was the most unenvious human being who ever lived. When you realize what he did for you, it will begin to erode your envy. He never complained when he received a life infinitely worse than he deserved.





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## **ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!**

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1. What do you wish you had that someone else has?
2. What thing or relationship have you been obsessed or preoccupied by?
3. Have you experienced freedom from stuff since coming to Jesus?