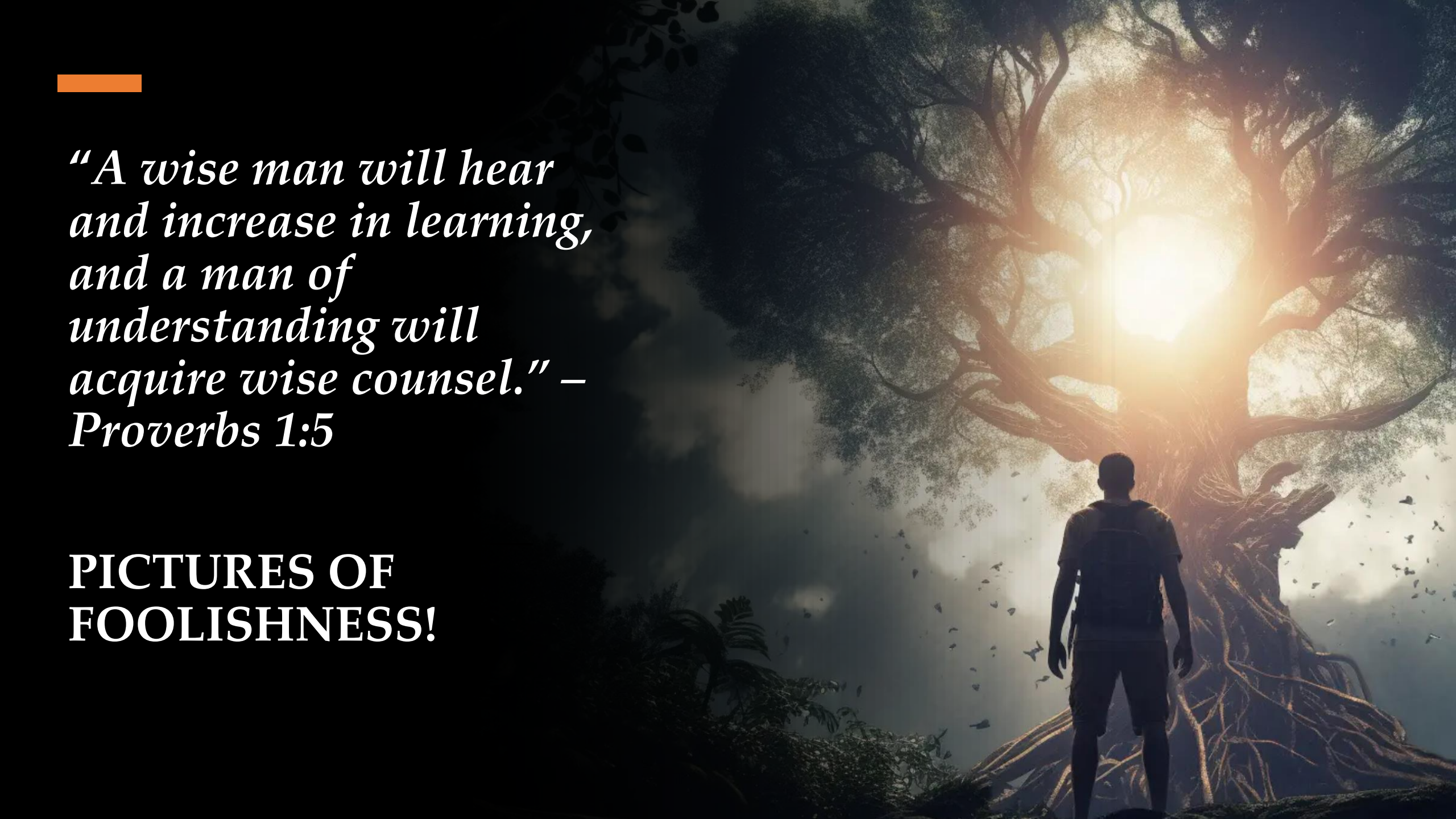


A person stands with their back to the camera, looking up at a massive, ancient tree. A brilliant, golden light emanates from the center of the tree's canopy, creating a strong backlight effect. The scene is set against a sky filled with soft, white clouds. Numerous small, dark leaves or petals are seen drifting through the air around the tree. The overall mood is one of awe, contemplation, and seeking enlightenment.

WISDOM

for the journey

A person stands in silhouette on a rocky outcrop, looking up at a massive, ancient tree. The tree's trunk is thick and gnarled, with roots spreading out. Behind the tree, a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, creates a strong backlight effect, illuminating the scene and casting long shadows. The sky is dark with some clouds, and many small birds are seen flying around the tree. 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*

**Perilous Times Require
Wisdom**

A person stands with their back to the camera, looking up at a massive, ancient tree. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy of leaves, creating a warm, golden glow. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with other foliage visible in the foreground and background. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

WISDOM

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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!

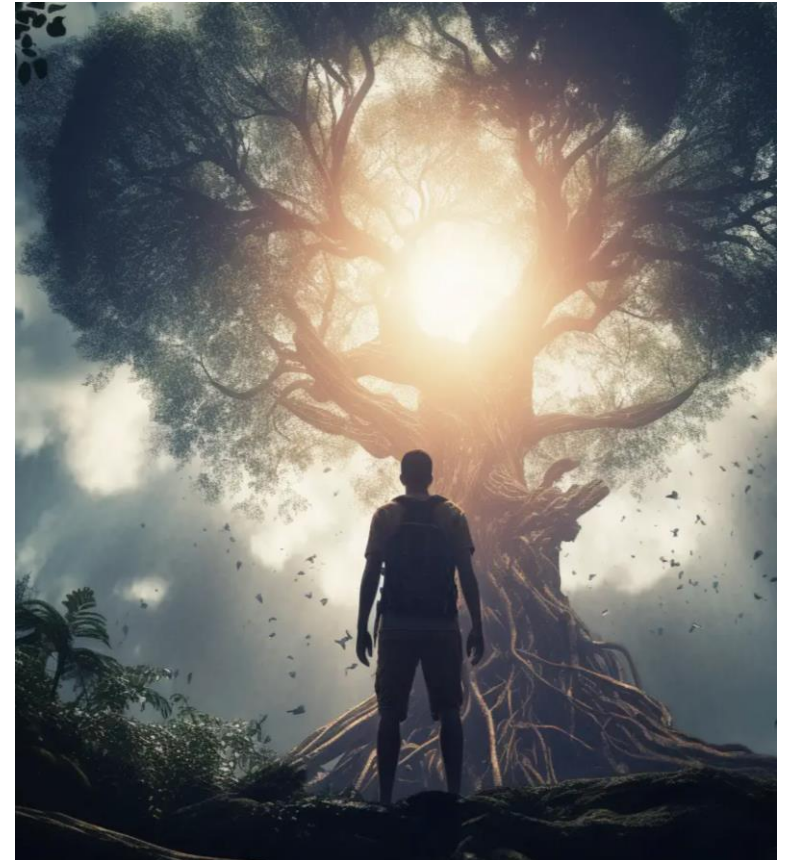


Wisdom = Knowledge + Emotional Intelligence + Relational Skills (Wholeness & Maturity)

- The wisdom of life is the practicality of Godward living. I think we have a massive cultural problem. Yes, even in the church. We live with this spiritual, secular dichotomy in our lives. That dichotomy is assumed by way more believers than you may think. It says that spiritual things belong to the Lord; that's church, that's my tithe, that's ministry, that's fellowship with other believers, that's devotion, and everything else is secular. Proverbs gives us an incredible portrait of everything that the Bible is about and how to live inside of that portrait. Again, the Proverbs together give us an incredible portrait; everything that the Bible is about and how to live inside of that portrait. They're radically insightful, radically convicting, radically encouraging, radically hope-giving.

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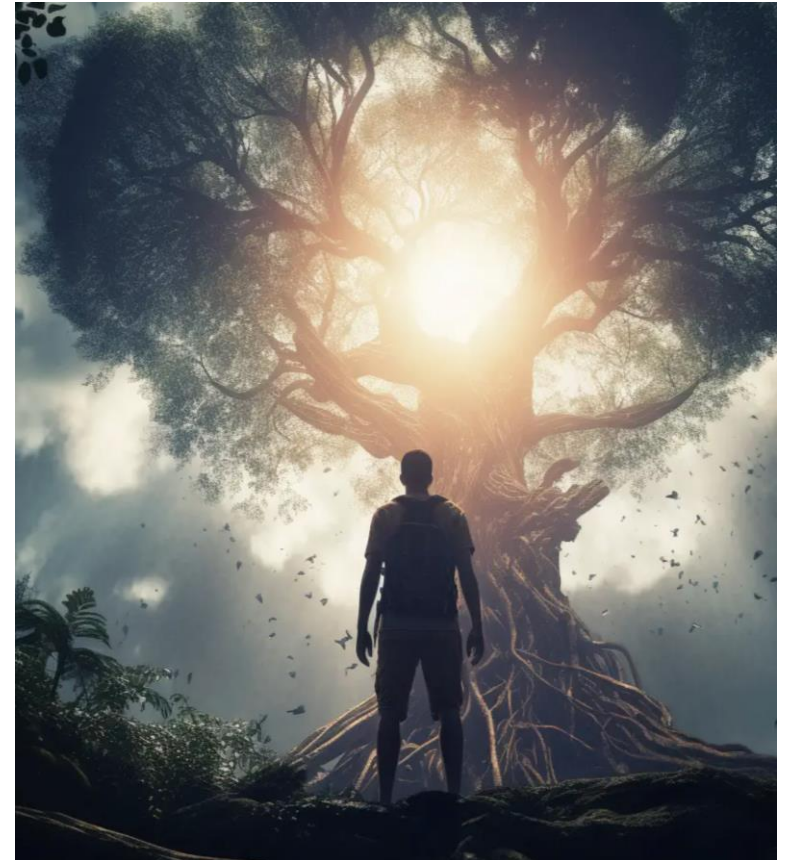
One of the dominant themes in Proverbs is the centrality of the heart. You cannot read the Proverbs without concluding that your body only goes where your heart has already gone; your mouth only goes where your heart has already gone; your eyes only go where your heart has already gone. And so, we need this emphasis in Proverbs. It probably reaches its early crescendo in Proverbs 4, where the father says to his son, “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” We could put it in modern language, “Son, if you do anything. guard your heart because life comes out of your heart.”



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7 Desires of Every Human Heart

1. To be heard and understood
2. To be affirmed
3. To be blessed
4. To be safe
5. To be touched
6. To be chosen
7. To be included





ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

- How do you practice wisdom in your everyday living?
- Were the 7 Desires met in your childhood?
- How are they being met in your life today?