

"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:1-5 KJV



Panning for gold is tedious back breaking work endured for the tiny glittering prize finally revealed in the bottom of the pan after all other silt, sand, and stone have been meticulously and carefully floated off of it. The finest gold dust will settle into the bottom for it is heavier than the muck surrounding it. It never rusts, tarnishes, nor mixes with its surroundings. It always remains pure and unmingled. Those who seek it know where and how to look. It is not found by the tourist or passerby, but must be diligently and persistently sought. Many have spent their entire fortunes to seek it, because they know that even a little gold will more than compensate them. Many risk injury and even death to procure diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. There are stories of men who wasted their lives seeking treasure because of some fantastic tale or map. You will never know God nor understand what has been given to man in Scripture if you are a casual observer. Notice the words used in today's text; *"incline thine ear; apply thine heart; liftest up thy voice; seekest as silver; searchest as for hid treasures."* These describe the intensity and diligent dedication required to find true understanding, knowledge, and wisdom; to find God! He is all around you, but He only speaks in the *"still small voice"* of Truth in your innermost thoughts. The sea of all human knowledge and reason only whips itself into foam upon the Solid Rock of Truth! If what you think is a falsehood, you know nothing! For centuries men have desperately tried to refute God's Word only to end in abject failure! *"Forever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it."* God has graciously imparted heavenly wisdom to the hands of faithful scribes that man may have a written volume to study and learn. What we possess in ink and paper was eternally scribed, sealed, and confirmed in eternity past and will stand eternally inviolate; forever settled! No frail human intellect, power, or reason will ever sound its depths or contain its sum! *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth!"* If seek approval of men, even if you're a believer, you'll never find or know God!

A hog will trod the finest gem, because it's of no worth to him,
If all you seek is human thought, your destiny will come to nought,
The wisdom of the ages wrought with Holy pen and Spirit brought,
Will show the hidden things of God that may be found on mortal sod! ~CGP

Finding divine wisdom isn't like picking daisies. You can't just walk around in the field and pick the ones you want. It is all precious and it all must be DILIGENTLY sought. You must tirelessly pursue the untold wealth found in the pages of Scripture. A verse a day isn't diligent. If what you do is not working out, then look for God's wisdom on the subject and obey it. *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you."* If you've found none, you're not seeking Truth, you're just picking daisies!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 KJV

