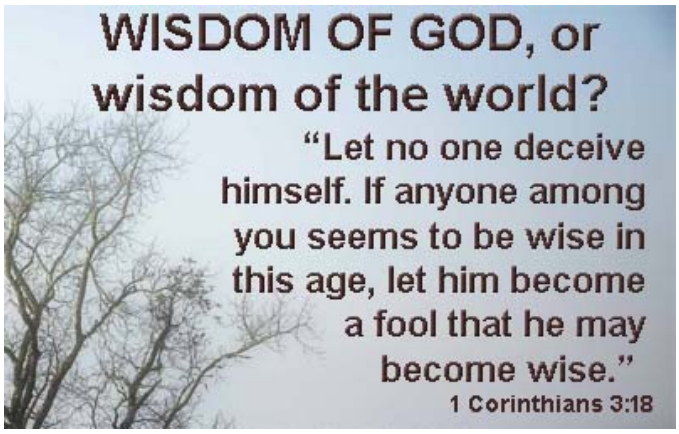

How is the so-called wisdom of the world described in the Word of God?

1 Corinthians 3:19, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness."

Proverbs 18:2, "A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart."

As such:

1 Corinthians 2:14, "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned."

Proverbs 28:26, "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered."

The reason Jesus said:

Mark 7:20-22, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness."

And then He added the solution:

Matthew 7:24, "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Therefore:

Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Do I espouse the foolishness of the world, or do I rather abide in the wisdom of Christ?

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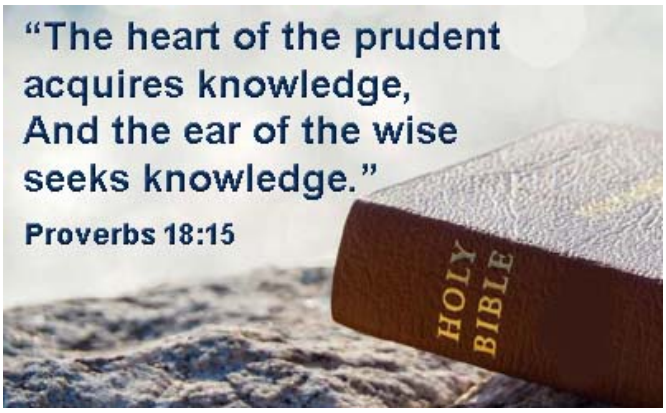

What is the path to wisdom in order to follow Christ as Lord?
Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."
Why?
Romans 1:16, "For it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."
The only secure source of truth being:
2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
The purpose being:
2 Timothy 3:17, "That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."
As such:
Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding."
What's more?
James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."
And as Jesus said:
Matthew 10:39, "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for Me, you will find it."
Therefore:
Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom."
Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
How is my walk with the Lord right now?

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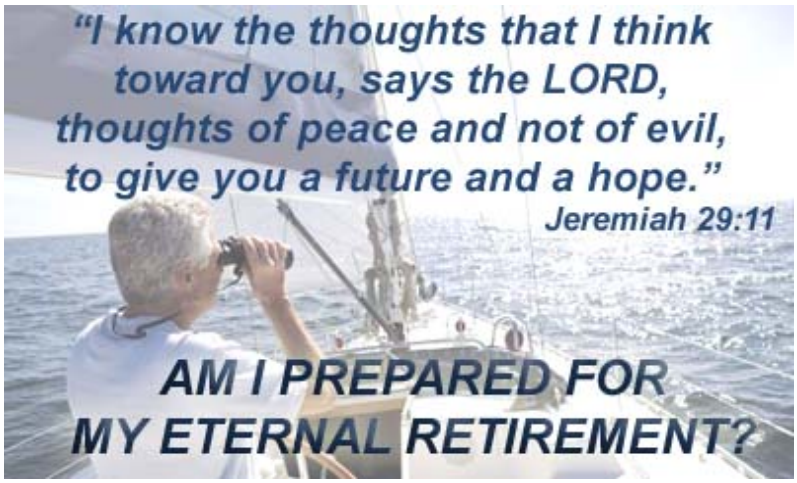

How has God decreed His ultimate path and purpose for mankind following the fall?
John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
As such, mankind's ultimate focus should be to:
Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all."
The reason Jesus said:
Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."
Why?
Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Therefore:
Philippians 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross."
How steadfast am I to let the mind of Christ dwell in me?

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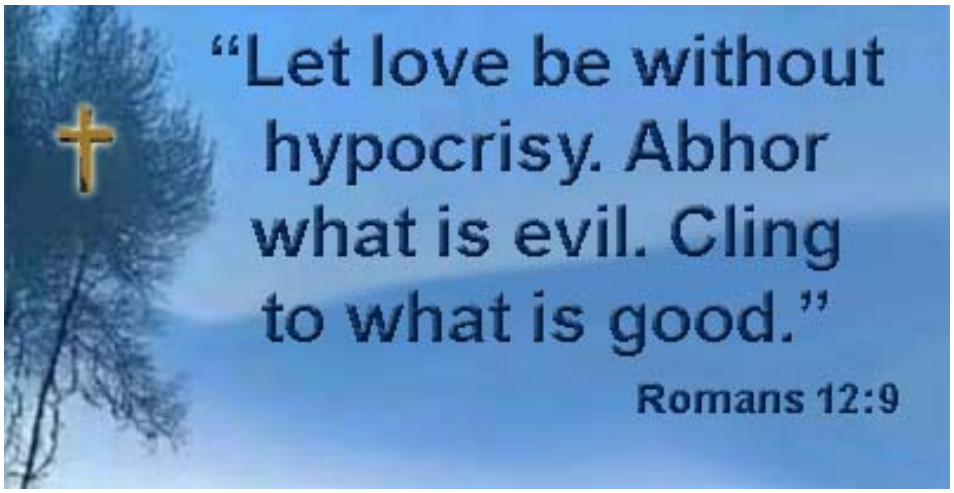

What should the focus of our life be so as to truly live to abide in Christ?
Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”
Why?
Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
As such:
2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
What’s more?
Psalm 1:1-3, “Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”
Therefore:
Colossians 2:6-7, “As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
Titus 2:12, “Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.
Clear enough?

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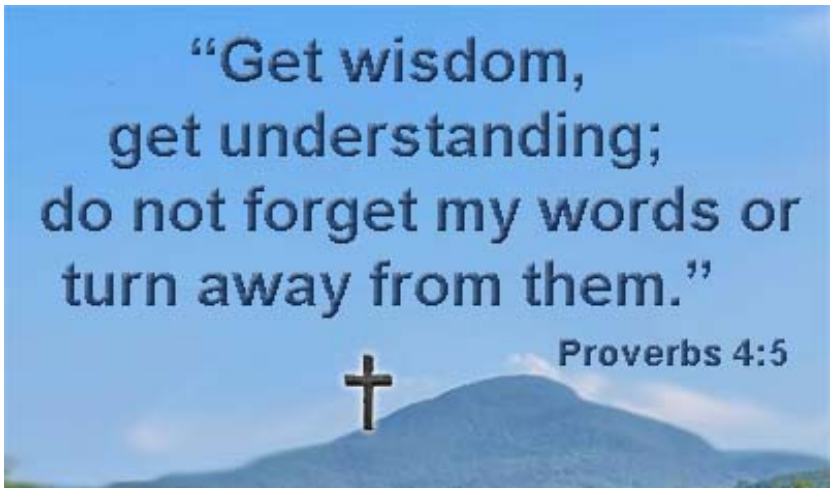

If we claim to believe in God and Christ, why must we seek to follow Christ as Lord so as to be true to our confession of faith?

Galatians 2:20, “ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Why?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

As such:

2 Timothy 2:22, “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

What’s more?

Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.”

Therefore:

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Colossians 3:2, “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

How true and genuine is my confession of faith in Christ right now?

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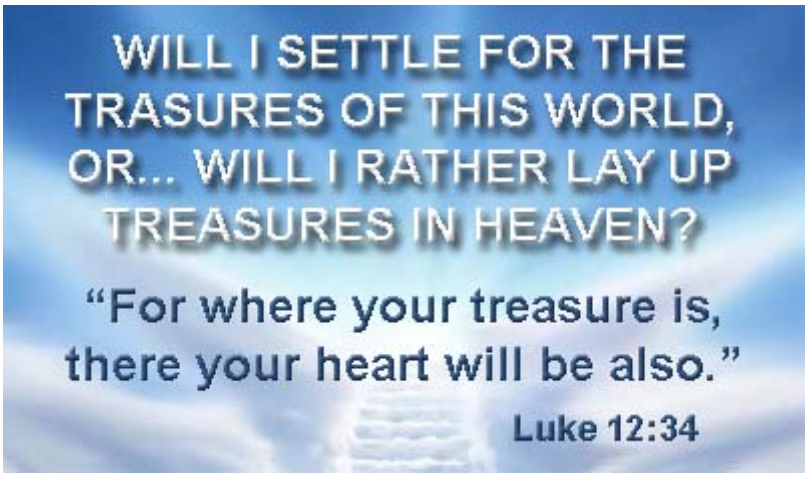

What does God require from us so we live this life to abide in His Word and follow Christ as Lord?
Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
As such:
Matthew 22:37, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
How?
Joshua 1:8: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."
What's more?
Colossians 2:8: "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."
Therefore:
Hebrews 12:1-2, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
Is my treasure with God, or is it with the world?

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