

WISDUMB

Week 2: Sunday, May 21 - Wisdom vs. The Smug

Proverbs 1:7 - Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Defining “wisdom” - Knowledge is information that has been learned. Understanding recognizes how to apply this knowledge. **Wisdom turns knowledge and understanding into action.**

James 1:5 - If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

Defining “the Smug”

*Proverbs 9:7-12 - 7 Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. 8 So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. 9 Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more. 10 **Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.** Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. 11 Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. 12 If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.*

You might be a Smug if you...

1. Despise wisdom

Proverbs 9:7 - Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt.

2. Undervalue wisdom

Proverbs 1:22 - How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?

“It is impossible to teach someone what they think they already know.”

3. Mock wisdom

Proverbs 21:24 - Mockers are proud and haughty; they act with boundless arrogance.

4. Boycott wisdom

Proverbs 15:12 - Mockers hate to be corrected, so they stay away from the wise.

Wisdom turns knowledge and understanding into action

Are you being a Smug?

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