

“Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.”  
Proverbs 3:13-15 NLT

### [lectio] // PROVERBS 3:9-18

NOTHING you desire...compares. Humans have the most incredible, insatiable desire for more. More power, more wealth, more tacos, more sex, more is always better. One cookie, one tattoo, one marathon is never enough. Solomon's wisdom gang believes that wisdom is such a worthy, godly pursuit that it can satisfy as it is sought. You want more, great - go for it. To gain wisdom and understanding is to not only become a life-long learner, it also becomes an adventure in self awareness and a grasp on how life really works. I would say that Godly wisdom and understanding create pathways of humility. Mainly because once you've seen (enlightened) the privilege of having your basic needs met, you tend to focus on helping others, having a heart towards the orphan, the disenfranchised and the poor. Silver, gold and rubies can never truly satisfy the compulsive nature of MORE. Then there is this aspect of Joy. The person who finds wisdom has this side-benefit of Joy. Joy can't be bought (or sold).

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Dad,

Not only is your wisdom (and Joy) available to all who pursue you, but it's there for the asking and for anyone who is humble and wants to learn.

That said, I don't think a life of selfish pursuit AND your wisdom and understanding are compatible.

It's one or the other. And, one leads to life, the other... eventually death.

### [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root