

## Good Things Don't Come Cheap

### Scripture Reading — Proverbs 2:1-11

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*  
*Matthew 22:37 —*

On a brochure I saw these words: “If I’m really a Christian ... then why isn’t Jesus more real in my life?” If you have ever wondered about that, you should know that you aren’t the first and you won’t be the last. Even writers of the Bible wrestled with this question.

There are different reasons, of course, why people might sometimes feel that way. But one place to start in reflecting on this is to recognize that God desires depth in his people. Not necessarily intellectual depth or all kinds of biblical knowledge —though these things are good—but depth in relationship with God, as opposed to shallowness.

Proverbs 2 talks about accepting and storing up and turning our ear and applying our heart and calling out for insight and crying aloud for understanding and looking and searching. It uses action words like these to describe what we should be doing in our pursuit of wisdom.

Bottom line? We have to want it. We have to be committed to going after wisdom.

It will take work, and it will take your heart. But, without that, Jesus—and wisdom—won’t seem real.

It makes me want to dig a little deeper, again.

### Prayer

*Father God, I know that believing you exist is not enough. Help me not just to affirm certain truths or wrestle with what they mean—but to desire you, and to want the wisdom you have for me in Christ. Amen.*

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