

The Wisdom Pyramid

Week 2: (Chapters 4 & 5)

March 26, 2025

Helpful Tips to make the most of this study:

1. Read the assigned chapters before each class.
2. Be prepared to discuss and share from your life (struggles, God's grace, what you've applied since the last class). We grow in community, so let's respect each other's perspectives and differences of opinion.
3. Commit to being present at each class.
4. Apply the truths and find accountability.

Schedule

~~Week 1: March 19 | The Challenge (Chapters 1-3)~~

Week 2: March 26 | The Bible & The Church (Chapters 4-5)

Week 3: April 2 | Books & Beauty (Chapters 7-8)

***No Class April 9 and April 16 ***

Week 4: April 23 | Nature (Chapter 6)

Week 5: April 30 | Social Media (Chapters 9-10)

Part 1 Review

Which of the "symptoms" of information overload discussed in this chapter do you experience the most?

What does it mean to be a "digital wanderer" and why is it so dangerous?

What is the "look within" autonomy that McCracken describes in Chapter 3, and how does it impact our use of technology?

Part 2 Introduction: Sources of Truth for a Life of Wisdom

Principle: We need an unwavering, unchanging, eternally trustworthy source of wisdom that leads to right judgment and overall flourishing.

How has our world conflated knowledge and wisdom? How has it seeped into your thoughts and behaviors? What's the antidote (page 67)?

Define wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-15). What does McCracken mean by stating that wisdom is a "moral orientation" (page 66)?

Chapter 4: The Bible

Principle: The Word of God is the unwavering, unchanging, trustworthy source of wisdom by which all other sources are measured.

Why is the Bible our most important source of wisdom (page 73)? Why do we, as Christians, at times treat it as the least important?

What does it look like to let Scripture shape you rather than you attempting to shape Scripture? Where do you see examples of the latter, and why is it problematic?

What are some resources (books, commentaries, videos, podcasts, etc.) you have found that have energized your Bible reading and study, or that have made the Bible more exciting and approachable to you?

What habits or rhythms have worked for you in making Scripture more central in your day-to-day life?

Chapter 5: The Church

Principle: The church is an interpretive community that brings fullness and focus to our understanding and application of God's truth.

If we have the Bible - and it is an infallible source of truth - then why do we also need the church? What role does the local church, and church tradition, play in terms of gleaning wisdom from Scripture?

Why is prayer so pivotal as a habit for gaining wisdom? How does the church contribute to the creation of good habits like prayer? Why is regularity and consistency vital?

How does embracing limitations actually promote freedom and flourishing?

How does the church correct the disembodiment we experience online?

What would you say to someone who questions the logic of the church as the second most important source for one's wisdom diet? Which of the arguments in this chapter do you think would be most compelling to a church skeptic?

Next Week: Chapters 7 and 8