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Wisdom Calls Out

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Proverbs 8:1-11 ¹Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; ³beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: ⁴"To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. ⁵You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it. ⁶Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. ⁷My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. ⁸All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. ⁹To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge. ¹⁰Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, ¹¹for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the <u>beginning</u> of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and <u>he who wins souls</u> <u>is wise</u>. (NIV)

Fear definition: to have a *reverential awe* of God.

What is a beginning? The start of a *journey*.

Knowledge of someone brings understanding of that person's *traits*. Knowledge of the Holy One brings understanding of God's traits, but also of *life*.

How do you win souls? It's a part of bearing *fruit*.