

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Proverbs 8:12

"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions." Proverbs 8:12

How many ideas, wonderful ideas that will bless mankind, reside within this verse?! How many medical cures? How many practical ideas for industry, energy, or technology? How much money? A simple ingenious idea can change the face of the globe as well as countless lives! The printing press, the steam engine, the telephone, the automobile, vaccinations – and the list grows daily – but what other, yet discovered ideas, await us? Wisdom holds the answer and is awaiting those who will ask and search her out. "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5 NASB).

Occasionally in life someone finds a gold nugget sitting on top of the ground or in stream bed just waiting to be picked up! But most of the time gold is buried deep in the earth and must be sought out with much diligent effort and hard work. Wisdom is very similar – occasionally wisdom's access is plain for all to see, but most generally it is hidden from view and must be sought out. It is not that the Lord is keeping something good from us, rather, wisdom like gold, when it comes too easily can be misused or taken for granted.

One of America's great inventors, George Washington Carver, was known for his experiments and inventions having to do with the peanut. His discoveries gave birth to an entire industry that helped rejuvenate the southern portions of the United States after the Civil War. A professing Christian, Carver "named his laboratory *God's Little Workshop* and never took any scientific textbooks into it; he merely asked God how to perform his experiments." <sup>1</sup> Carver said, "Only alone can I draw close enough to God to discover His secrets." <sup>2</sup>

"Father, I hunger for Your wisdom. I am in need of knowing Your thoughts and thinking those thoughts after You! Discovering Your wisdom and hidden knowledge is my delight. I believe and confess that Jesus has been made wisdom unto me!" (1 Corinthians 1:30)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "America's God and Country – Encyclopedia of Quotations" William J. Federer page 96 Fame Publ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid

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