APRIL SERMON SERIES

LESSON ONE:

SEEK GOD FOR UNDERSTANDING



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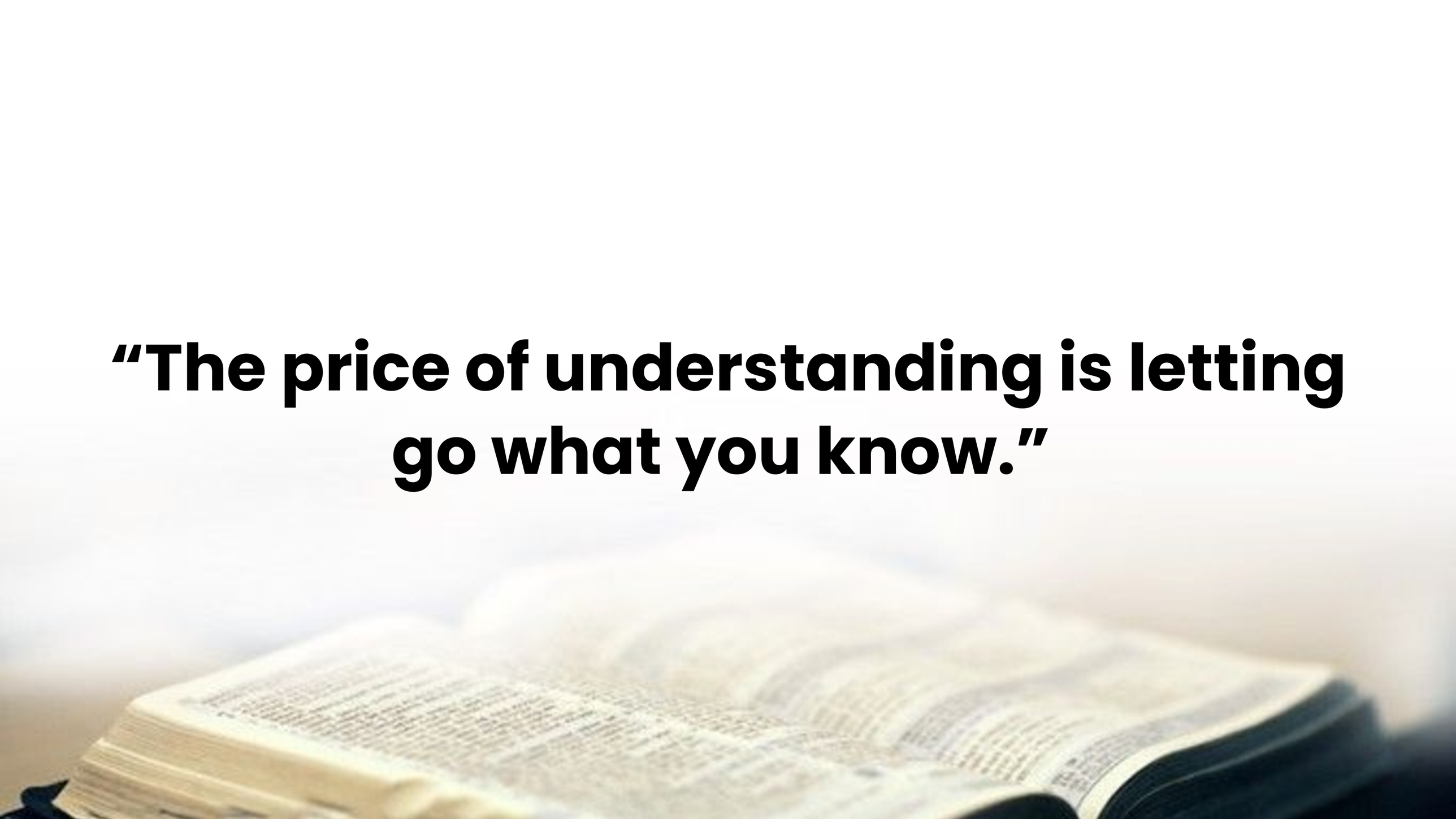
“I can seek God and find Him. God is knowable, touchable, hearable, seeable, with the mind, the hands, the ears and the eyes of the inner man.”

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently SEEK Him.

Hebrews 11:6

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“The price of understanding is letting go what you know.”



"Give Your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge Your people and to discern between good and evil."

I Kings 3:9

A "Hearing heart," is a heart that is receptive and attentive to divine guidance and God’s Word, rather than just intellectual, abstract knowledge.

Reference Scripture
Matthew 13:13-15

This is why I speak to them in parables:
“Though seeing, they do not see; though
hearing, they do not hear or understand.
In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah
“‘You will be ever hearing but never
understanding; you will be ever seeing
but never perceiving.

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them

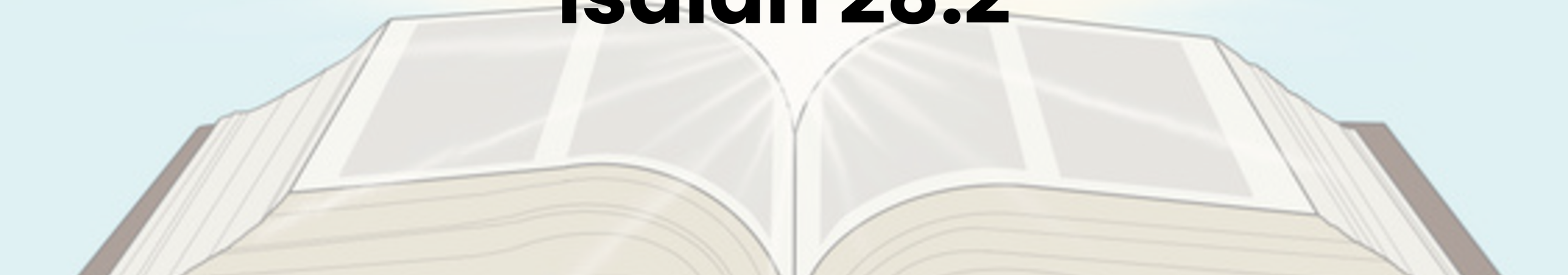
THREE CLUES FOR GAINING UNDERSTANDING:

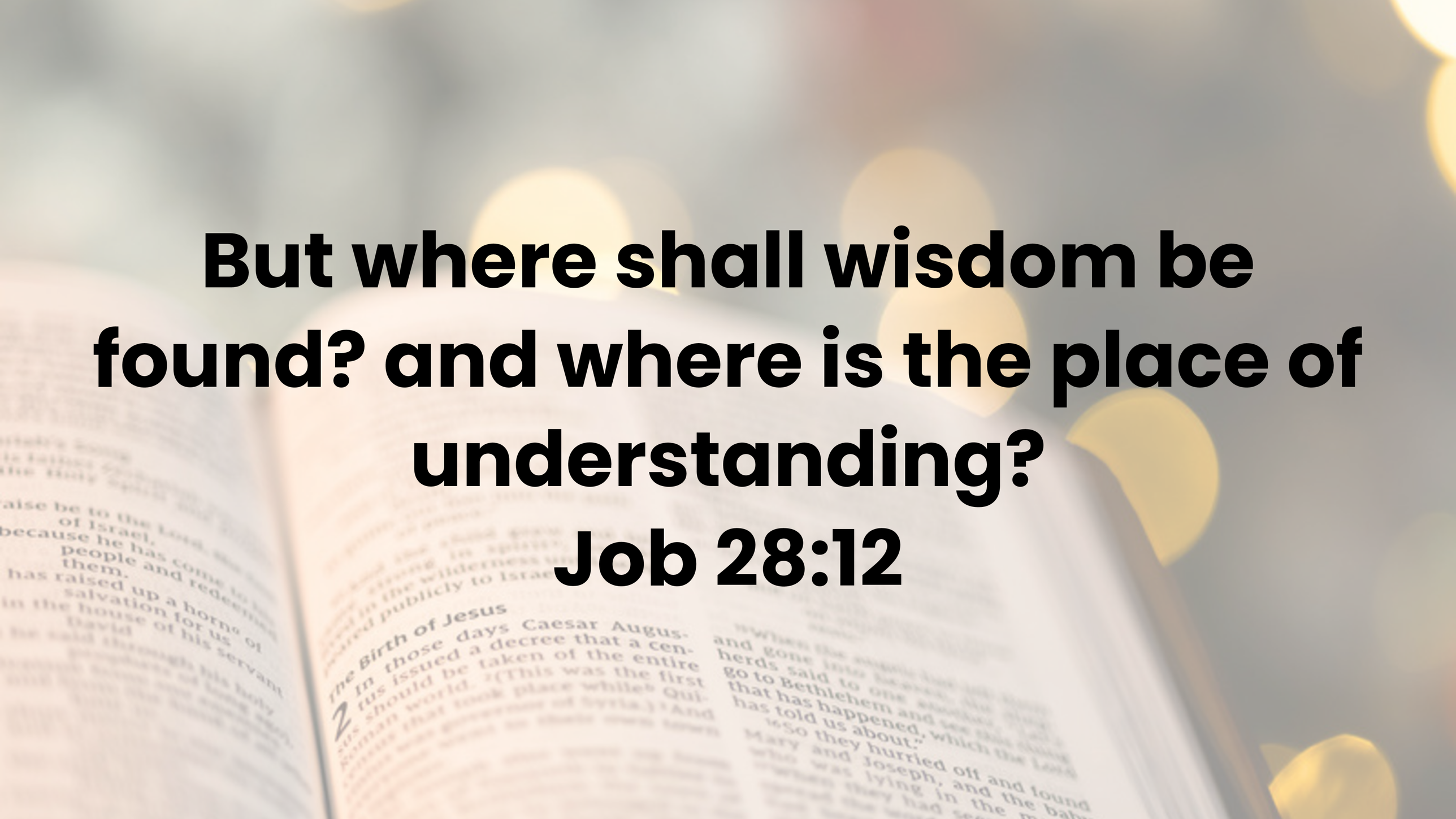
1. Identify the Place of Understanding.

God is the Source, the ‘Place’ of Understanding.

The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding.

Isaiah 28:2





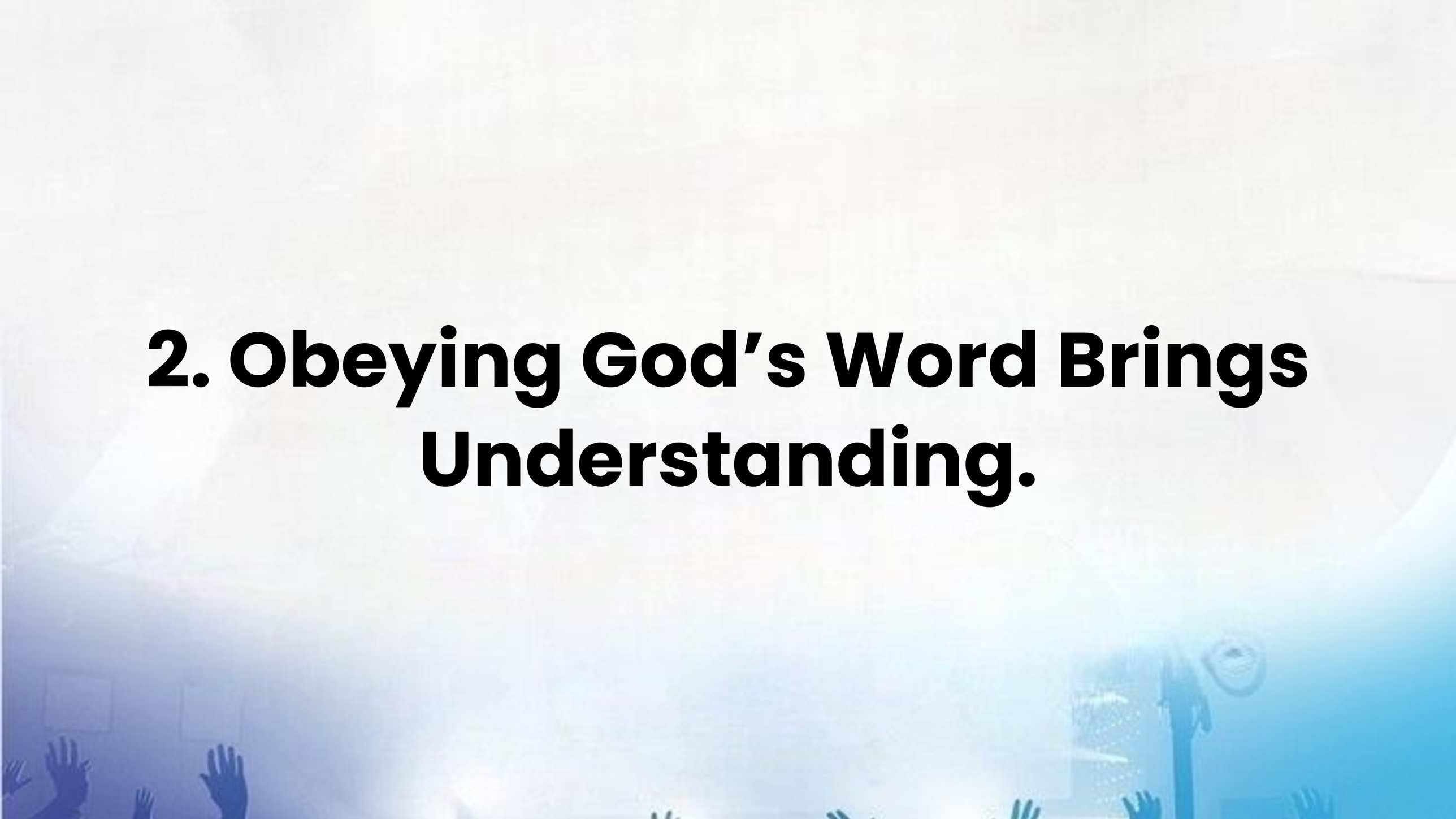
But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?
Job 28:12



God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
Psalm 53:2

Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs 2:3-6

2. Obeying God’s Word Brings Understanding.



Jesus said, If any man will DO God's will, he shall know of [understand] the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself.
John 7:17

The doing of God’s Word precedes our understanding and knowing.



Three Steps to Help You Understand God's Word:

1. Prayerfully read the Bible to Gain Insight.
2. Listen for the Direction of the Holy Spirit.
3. Commit to Obey.

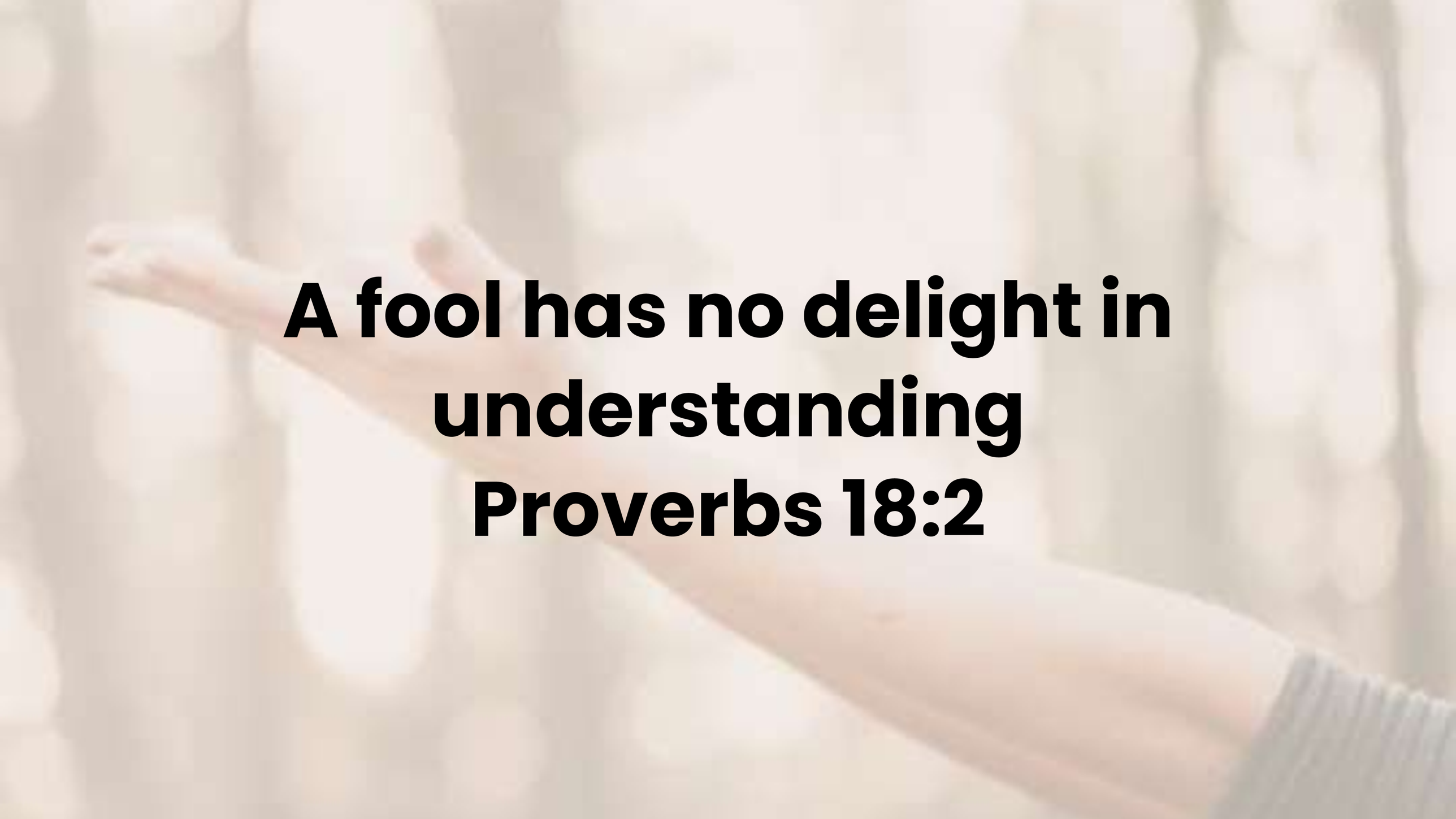
3. Understanding Comes from Departing from Evil.

And unto man, He said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Job 28:28

“… That we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Your Truth.”

Daniel 9:13b



A fool has no delight in understanding
Proverbs 18:2

The LORD declares … “For My people are foolish; they know Me not; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are ‘wise’ in doing evil! But how to do good, they know not.”

Jeremiah 4:22

The unfolding of Your Word gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
Psalm 119:130

Your testimonies are right…; give me understanding that I may live.
Psalms 119:144