



2 Keys



“Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom!”

King Solomon | Proverbs 2:3-5 (NLT)

My wife and I found ourselves searching for my son’s college diploma. We turned the house upside down; shuffling through closets and storage bins multiple times... for hours! Who hasn’t carried out a similar search?

Have you sought insight and understanding with such intensity? Try it! You'll confirm that the fear of the Lord is the key that opens access to your most valuable treasure. The Lord only grants wisdom to the humble. Could you advance your Mission lacking it?

Reflect: Have I truly discovered what it means to fear the Lord?

When developing new medical devices, we'd create a War Room. This was the place the team would convene each day to communicate, make plans and congeal decisions. We reasoned that we were in a war of sorts... against the competition. Our intense focus was powerful!

While I shouldn't be, I'm still amazed each time. After encouraging someone create a War Room by slowing down and establishing a morning devotional time with God, their nose in the Bible searching for insight and understanding, I soon see them making wiser decisions. Fresh insight guides them down much different paths. It's obvious they have accessed their most valuable treasure.

"Then you will understand what is right, just and fair, and you will know how to find the right course of action every time." (Proverbs 2:9)

"Then" is such a powerful word! Who wouldn't want to find the right course of action every time? Solomon says slow down, bow low before God, and intensely search for insight and understanding... first! This requires genuine humility, as often the right course will be different (and harder) than the one you favored. Have you created your War Room?

Consider: Fear of the Lord is the key that opens my War Room.

Accept this truth, you live amid a war! Though saved by Christ, you remain behind enemy lines immersed in worldly wisdom. Who hasn't been taught these ways? Could entrenched worldly wisdom lead you down the right paths?

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:12)

Your opponent loves to manipulate; worldly wisdom is a primary tool. How will you discern your enemy's deceit? Go to your War Room.

Imagine: The wisest guide opening up wartime wisdom.

How could Jesus save us if he didn't go to the cross? Yet, he had to go alone which meant leaving us behind... in enemy territory. Well aware of the danger, he made provisions for our protection.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth." Jesus Christ (John 14:16)

The Holy Spirit – the wisest guide – is the second key to your treasure! Having gained access to wisdom through humility, imagine your hand now being taken hold of by the Spirit, the master of your War Room. He knows the right path, he knows your enemy's tactics, he knows you. Where could you get better wartime wisdom? Talk with him, ask questions, share your desires and concerns. Don't be bashful... you're

in a war! He'll lead you directly to the truth you need, whispering in your ear as you go. To advance your Mission, grab hold of these...

2 Keys!

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What does it mean to fear the Lord? What does this make me want to do?
 - What do I need to do to establish my War Room?
 - What will I do to ensure I enter it daily?
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Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Go to my war room.

"If you need wisdom -- if you want to know what God wants you to do -- ask him, and he will gladly tell you."

James 1:5



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