

“Living a Life of Wisdom”

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Faith is trusting in God Wisdom is acting according to God

The Book of Proverbs is devoted to our practical life. This is a book of divine wisdom applied to earthly conditions...

The book of proverbs should become a fundamental part of your spiritual diet, that it shapes you and forms you. I hope during and after these series you get fired up to become a student of this wonderful book

"Proverb" **A brief saying of wisdom as opposed to many words.**

Proverbs are short statements drawn from lifelong experiences.....

Hebrew:

Mashal = Summarized, condensed....

Khokhmah = Wisdom:

Mashal Mashal = **Wisdom condense**

It means: **The ability God gives a person to be able to use God's knowledge to live his practical life.**

Wisdom is living in a proper sense of values, it's living in light of what is true, what is right and what is lasting

We all need it to live a better, peaceful, God honoring life.... So we need to live our life making wise decisions

The Apostle Paul reminded the church in Ephesus. Ephesians 5:15-17

¹⁵ *Be very careful, then, how you live. —not as unwise but as wise,*

¹⁶ *making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* ¹⁷ *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

Practical godly wisdom is needed in every decision in life... live wisely

a fool on the other hand biblically speaking, is not primarily a low IQ person. It's not primarily marked by ignorance folly in the Old Testament, is primarily a problem of the will not the mind

folly is rebellion against God. Folly is moral depravity, it's spiritual blindness and social irresponsibility toward others. A fool may know all the answers, but his problem is that he cannot seem to do the right thing....

How did we get these short statements, for a better life, whose long experiences give so much wisdom in one book?

1 kings 3:4 God comes to Solomon in a dream and

"God says to Solomon ask me for whatever you want anything at all and I'll give it to you"

1 kings 3:7 Solomon's replied to God

"now oh Lord my God you have made your servant king in place of my father David but I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties"

"your servant is here among the people you've chosen a great people too numerous to count her number so give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong for who is able to govern this great people of yours"

God was pleased

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

1 kings 4:20

the people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore, they ate, they drank and they were happy

Solomon's reign was the pinnacle of Israel's history as a country

1 kings 4:29

"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the east and greater than all of the wisdom of Egypt and his fame spread to all the surrounding nations he spoke 3000 proverbs and his songs numbered 1005 he described plant life from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls he also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.

Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom sent by all the kings of the world who had heard of his wisdom

The book of proverbs and the wisdom that continues to speak to each new generation is Solomon's greatest legacy

Now that we know the treasure of wisdom that we have in our hands, what do we learn?

I. Our world is in _____ of God's wisdom.

Jonah 4:11

people who cannot tell their right hand from their left

Proverbs 14:12

¹² There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

II. Where do we _____ that wisdom? How do we obtain it?

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Fear means a healthy sense of reverence, a moral mindset

respect for God is where wisdom begins

A person who fears respects or has reverence for God is somebody who acknowledges, I'm not God, then I don't get to make my own definition of good and evil, right or wrong

It means I need to humble myself before God and embrace God's definition of right and wrong even when that's inconvenient for me...

To properly understand the world and our place in it, we have to recognize HE IS the author of it all who is at the center of it all.

III. The results of _____ or obeying Wisdom

- The reason God give us this book of knowledge and practical wisdom

Seven pillars of wisdom

Proverbs 1

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

² *for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; ³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; ⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— ⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— ⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. ⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

- **Wisdom is available to all.**

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ *Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. ²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate: ²² "How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge? ²³ Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.*

- **But wisdom is ignored by most**

Proverbs 1

²⁴ *"I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. ²⁵ You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. ²⁶ So I will laugh when you are in trouble I will mock you when disaster overtakes you— ²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you. ²⁸ "When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. ²⁹ For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the Lord. ³⁰ They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. ³¹ Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. ³² For the simple turns away from me—to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.*

- **But if you listen to wisdom**

Proverbs 1

³³ *But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."*

Proverbs 3

¹³ *Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.*

Proverbs 16:20

²⁰ *God blesses those who obey him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

Does the book of proverbs and wisdom talk to you?

Listen to its wisdom and you will avoid a lot of pain in life.