

Walking In God's WISDOM Part I

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**CHILDREN
OBEY PARENTS**
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ADVICE**
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GOD'S WAYS**
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FOOLS**
**SPEAK
KIND WORDS**
**PLAN
AHEAD**
**AVOID
QUARRELS**

Dear reader,

I hope you and yours enjoy reading, memorizing and reviewing the Bible verses contained in “**Walking in God’s Wisdom**”.

The verses are simple, but the spiritual concepts contained within are profound and life changing. If we follow them, they can dramatically change our lives and the lives of those around us for the better.

One of the first steps to connecting with God is to listen to Him and let His words speak to us.

The Apostle Peter said: *“like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.”* Just like a baby grows when it drinks milk, we grow in our relationship with God as we spend time reading and thinking about His wonderful words of truth and love.

Psalms chapter one says, *“Oh, the joys of those who ... delight in doing everything the LORD wants; day and night they think about his law.”*

I will be praying for you as you and your family take this journey with God.



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Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Hebrews 13: 4

God is always faithful to us. Why do you think it is important that a husband and wife be faithful to each other? Should this faithfulness start even before marriage by avoiding sexual relations until marriage? What happens to us if we are immoral?

God loves us no matter what our past and wants us to start walking in His loving and faithful ways today. We can start by being faithful to our parents, children, and friends and by asking God to start directing our lives from this day forward.

Marriage—continued:

... a virtuous and capable wife. She is worth more than precious rubies. Her husband can trust her, ... she will greatly enrich his life. Prov 31: 10-11

What are some of the good qualities found in a virtuous and capable wife as described in Prov 31?

...a prudent wife (or husband) is from the LORD. Prov. 19: 14 NASB

If you are looking for a good / prudent husband or wife, is this something you find by looking for it or is this something that is given to you by God? Explain your answer.

Wisdom topics & memory verses

Wisdom: Cry out (pray) for insight and understanding. Search for them ...
For the LORD grants wisdom! *Prov 2:3-6*

Advice : Fools think they need no advice, ...
the wise listen to others. *Prov. 12:15*

Children: Children, obey your parents
because you belong to the Lord, ... *Eph 6:1*

Correction: To learn, ... love discipline;
it is stupid to hate correction. *Prov 12:1*

Drunkards: drunkards ... are on their way
to poverty. *Prov 23: 20-21*

Fearing people: Fearing people is a
dangerous trap, but to trust the LORD
means safety.... *Prov 29:25*

Wisdom topics & Memory Verses continued

Fools: ... fools say in their hearts,
There is no God" ... *Psalms 14: 1*

Friends: ... walk with the wise ...
(and) become wise; ... walks with fools ...
(and) suffer harm. *Prov 13:20*

Generous: ... generous (people) prosper
Prov 11:25

Gossip: A gossip goes around revealing
secrets, but those who are trustworthy
can keep a confidence. *Prov 11: 13*

Learn: intelligent (people) seek knowledge
... fools feed on... (trash). *Prov 15:14*

Liars: Telling lies about others is as harmful
as hitting them with an ax ... *Prov 25:18*

Marriage: a prudent wife (or husband)
is from the LORD. *Prov. 19: 14 NASB*

Marriage: Work at becoming a good and faithful spouse for your future husband or wife.

... **God said**, *It is not good for the man to
be alone. I will make a companion who
will help him."*

... **This explains** why a man leaves his
father and mother and is joined to his
wife, and the two are united into one.

Genesis 2: 18 & 24

It is very important that we understand
that marriage is a divine act given to us by
God Himself. God said it normally is not
good for a man to always live by himself after
he has grown up so God made a woman to be
a helper and companion for the man. The
wife completes the man. God then brought
them together in marriage.

What did God say was not good, and what did He
do to fix it?

Liars: Liars hurt others

Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax ... Prov 25: 18

If you want a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil, and keep your lips from telling lies. I Peter 3:10

We need to be careful to not tell lies about other people and to not listen to people who are telling us bad things about others. Often people say bad things about other people because they are trying to hurt them and hurt their reputation.

What are some examples of how telling lies can hurt another person?
If you want to have a good life, what do you need to do according to I Peter 3:10?

**WALKING WITH GOD
DOWN THE WISDOM ROAD
OF SUCCESS**

Insight & Wisdom: Pray for and search for Wisdom. Wisdom comes from and is a gift from God.

*Cry out (pray) for insight and understanding. Search for them ... For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Prov 2: 3-6*

- 1. What is wisdom?
- 2. What can you do to get wisdom?
- 3. Where does it come from?

Advice & Counsel: Get advice and counsel and be successful

Fools think they need no advice, ... the wise listen to others. Prov. 12:15

*... many counselors bring success.
Prov. 15:22*

The Scriptures say that "God sets himself against the proud, but he shows favor to the humble." James 4: 6. If we want to experience God's favor in our lives, we need to humble ourselves and not think that we know it all. We humble ourselves by asking others for advice.

Who are some people in your life that you could go to to ask for advice?
List something that you are working on now that you could ask advice for?

Learn: Be intelligent, be a learner - don't feed on mental trash

*... intelligent (people) seek knowledge, ... fools feed on... (trash).
Prov 15:14 NASB*

To be successful, we should always be learning new things, how to do things better, etc. We learn by listening to others, by reading good books, and especially by reading and memorizing passages from the Bible.

So much of what we now see on TV, in the movies, listen to on the radio, is at best a waste of time and is often just simply mental trash. Just like we would not put some piece of rotting and stinking food in our mouths, we also should not put bad thoughts, ideas and words, pictures or music and bad songs in our mind.

What are some things you would like to know more about. Like how to sew, make furniture, use a computer program, etc. List one or two things that you would like to learn about?

Gossip: Don't gossip and avoid gossips

A gossip goes around revealing secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. Prov 11: 13 reworded

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD ... Psalms 19: 14

God says that we should not gossip and that we should avoid being around people with are gossips. Some people just like telling stories about other people's personal business. They say things to make the person they are talking about look bad or stupid in our eyes. This is very wrong and it is hurtful and much of what is being said is probably a lie.

If we care about someone we are going to try to protect their reputation and talk about their good qualities in public rather than talk about their bad qualities or areas of weakness.

How can you avoid listening to gossip? How can we avoid saying bad things about other people?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Prov. 3: 5-7

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Psalms 119: 105

We can also go to God for advice.
What does Proverbs 3:5-7 mean to you?

In Psalms 119: 105 we see that the Bible, God's word can help guide us as we walk down life's path. Try to think up an example of how the Bible can help you make the right decision.

Children: Act in a way that honors your Heavenly Father

*A wise child accepts a parent's discipline;
a young mocker refuses to listen.
Prov. 13:1*

*Children, obey your parents because you
belong to the Lord, ... If you honor your
father and mother, you will live a long
life, full of blessing." Eph 6:1-3*

*Even children are known by the way they
act, whether their conduct is pure and
right. Prov. 20: 11*

As we grow up, God has given our
parents the responsibility and the job of
teaching us how to act in a way that will help
us be successful later on in life.

Sometimes this means that our parents
have to correct our bad behavior or tell us to
do things that we don't want to do. A wise
child will obey his/her parents and accept
their correction. This brings honor to our
Heavenly Father.

We should thank God for parents who
love us enough to correct us and teach us
good behavior.

Generous: Be Generous – God is

*... generous (people) prosper...
refresh others... (and) be refreshed.
Prov 11: 25*

God our Father has been and is very generous
to us. He created a beautiful world for us to live in.
He let His own son, Jesus, die for us. He loves us
and watches over us.

We should also be generous. The way to be
generous is to ask God, our father, to help us think
about how to be a help to other people. We have to
stop thinking so much about ourselves and start
thinking about others. Since God, our Heavenly
Father, is taking care of us, we can take care of
others. We can let others go first in line, share our
food with them, say encouraging words to them, etc.

Write down something you can do to help another
person, a friend, family member, younger brother
or sister, etc.

Friends: Choose wise and faithful friends

... walk with the wise ... (and) become wise; ... walks with fools ... (and) suffer harm. Prov. 13:20

... a real friend sticks closer than a brother. Prov 18: 24

One of the most important decisions that we make in our lives is who we pick to be our friends. Sometimes we don't even think about it; it just happens.

The Bible says that we should think about who we hang around with. We should spend time with and go out of our way to make friends with people who are good people and with people who follow the teachings in this book (the Bible). Good and true friends will help us do good things and be successful in life.

What is sure to happen if you walk around with fools? What will happen if you spend time with wise people? Who are some wise people you know?

According to Prov. 13:1 what can a wise child do to show that he/she is accepting a parents discipline? Hint: a wise child does the opposite of a young mocker.

Eph 6:1-3 says that children should obey their parents and that as we become adults ourselves we should still honor our parents. According to that verse what is the outcome if we do obey and honor our parents?

Proverbs 20: 11 says that we know one another not by the way we look, but by the way we _____? How do you want to be known or thought about by others?

**Correction: Accept Correction from
God and others**

*Whom the Lord loves He disciplines
(corrects) ... Hebrews 12: 6 NASB*

*No discipline is enjoyable while it is hap-
pening--it is painful! But afterward there
will be a quiet harvest of right living for
those who are trained in this way.
Hebrews 12: 11*

*To learn, ... love discipline; it is stupid to
hate correction. Prov. 12:1*

God created people in His own image. He
also gave us the free will to choose how we
want to behave. We can do good things and
help ourselves and others or we can do bad
things and hurt ourselves and others.

When we mess up, God, in His love, may
send people or events into our lives to correct
us and to set us back on the right path.
This correction process is not enjoyable, but
it is often a necessary part of learning.

We should listen carefully when our
parents, teachers and those in authority, or
wise friends, care enough for us to lovingly
correct us.

Fools: You can't reason with a fool

*Do not speak ...(to) a fool, ...he will
despise the wisdom of your words.
Prov 23: 9 NASB*

*... fools say in their hearts, There is no
God" ... Psalms 14: 1*

It is important to understand that we all sin and
we all do foolish things, but that doesn't make us a
fool. We may do something foolish and then realize
that it was wrong and we ask God to forgive us and
we try to not do that foolish thing again.

A real fool is someone who seems to like doing
foolish things and does them over and over again.
Fools usually want to have nothing to do with God
or God's ways as described in this book.

It is important to be able to recognize fools and to
try to stay away from them. Write down some
things that fools often do, as "they like starting
arguments". Can you think of some other things?

**Fearing people: Fear and please
God rather than people**

*Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but
to trust the LORD means safety....
Prov 29: 25*

*Many people, ... believed in him. But
they wouldn't admit it ... For they loved
human praise more than the praise of
God. John 12: 42-43*

Sometimes people can put pressure on us to do things that are not pleasing to God. They may want us to join with them in doing things that we know are wrong, like helping them cheat on a test, take drugs, lie for them, etc.
It may simply come down to; who is more important to us, God or our so called friends.

Who do you think is your real friend and who is always going to be there for you? List some things that Jesus has done for you that proves He is a true friend.

In Hebrews 12: 6, How does God’s discipline or correct show that He loves us?

Write in your own words what you think Hebrews 12:11 means.

Why is it stupid to hate correction? Prov. 12:1

Drunkards: Drunkards and drug addicts

... drunkards ... are on their way to poverty.
Prov 23: 20-21

Sometimes we look for joy, pleasure, thrills, relief from pain, etc. in all the wrong places.

Some of these places are: Liquor and too much alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex outside of marriage, pornography, unnecessary medication, over eating, too much TV, etc. We may start down one of these roads just for kicks, or because our friends are doing it or because our “so called” friends are pressuring us to do it. We may feel an uncontrollable urge inside, or it may be a way for us to escape some bad feelings that we are experiencing.

These things can eventually take control of our lives and we become addicted to them. They always will lead us to poverty, they use up our money, our time and our life.

Try to stay away from these areas. If you are caught up in it, seek help from God, parents, wise counselors and friends, church leaders, etc.

Why do people get addicted to drugs and alcohol?

The Bible says that people who get drunk often are on their way to being very poor. Why do you think that is so?

We often choose what we want to give our lives to. We can give our lives to being slaves to alcohol, drugs, money or we can give our lives to serving God. What do you want to give your life to?
