

The Key To Everything - February 28, 2016

“The Teachability Current”

Big Idea: Wisdom is the Secret Weapon that allows us to stay in the current of teachability long-term.

4 Questions about Wisdom:

1. What is Wisdom?

A. Dictionary.com defines Wisdom as: “*the quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action;*”

- Practical Definition: Knowing the right thing to do & doing it!

B. **The Biblical Launch Pad** for Wisdom is Proverbs.

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding,

Proverbs 1:1-2 (NASB)

Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice? On top of the heights beside the way, Where the paths meet, she takes her stand; Beside the gates, at the opening to the city, At the entrance of the doors, she cries out: “To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men. “For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 11 (NASB)

C. The Bible says that wisdom is a special thing that if we can plug into it, there’s a whole new level of Existence Available to us!

2. What are the Benefits of Wisdom?

1. Success & A Shield

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity,

Proverbs 2:6-7 (NASB)

2. He Guards & Protects us

Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones.

Proverbs 2:8 (NASB)

3. We will understand Every Good Path

Then you will discern righteousness and justice and equity *and* every good course.

Proverbs 2:9 (NASB)

3. Where do we get Wisdom?

1. The Bible.

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body.

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NASB)

2. Ask for it.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5 (NASB)

3. Wise People.

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 13:20 (NASB)

4. What are Some Examples of Wisdom in Proverbs?

1. The Generosity Principle.

There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, *and yet it results* only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NASB)

2. The Watch Your Mouth Principle.

The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Proverbs 13:3 (NASB)

3. The Encouragement Principle.

Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 12:25 (NASB)

4. The Wise Counsel Principle.

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 11:14 (NASB)

5. The Little-by-Little Principle.

Wealth *obtained* by fraud dwindles, but the one who gathers by labor increases *it*.

Proverbs 13:11 (NASB)

6. The Shut up & Work Principle.

In all labor there is profit, but mere talk *leads* only to poverty.

Proverbs 14:23 (NASB)

7. The God Knows Principle.

The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (NASB)

Challenge: What will do about Wisdom?

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