

The Power of Prudence



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SUMMARY

Wisdom is comparable to sanity and science; and we see that in the word of God, we are called all the time to live a wise and understood life. The Bible places a lot of value on common sense and humility, and much of the result of wisdom begins with humility and common sense. Therefore, God constantly invites us to live a prudent life, which is oriented towards caution and to communicate with clarity and truth

SUNDAY'S TEACHING

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you about Sunday's teaching?

1 Kings 4:29-30, 34 and Proverbs 3:5-6

- Why do you think humility is so associated with wisdom?
- Why do you think the Bible talks much more about wisdom than intelligence? What do you think is the difference?

THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE

First, read the four points of caution out loud, and then take a couple of seconds to meditate and answer

- The person who knows me best (my parents, my husband/wife, etc.) would say that of the 4, the one I am most cautious about is.....
- The person who knows me best (my parents, my husband, etc.) would say that of the 4, the one I am least prudent about is.....

1. THE POWER OF PRUDENCE IN THE MOUTH (do not assume, do not criticize, do not talk too much)

"The wise in heart is called prudent, And sweetness of lips increases knowledge. The understanding is a source of life to the one who possesses it; But the learning of fools is foolishness. The heart of the wise makes his mouth prudent, And adds grace to his lips. Honeycomb are the soft sayings; Softness to the soul and medicine for the bones. There is a path that seems right to man, But its end is the path of death. The soul of him who works, works for himself, Because his mouth stimulates him. The wicked man digs in search of evil, And on his lips is like a flame of fire. A wicked man stirs up strife, And a gossip separates his best friends from him. A bad man flatters his neighbor, And makes him walk in a path that is not good. He closes his eyes to think evil things; "He moves his lips, he works evil." Proverbs 16:21-30

2. THE POWER OF PRUDENCE IN MONEY (budgeting, calculating, saving)

"»However, don't start without calculating the cost. Well, who would start constructing a building without first calculating the cost to see if there was enough money to finish it? If not, you may only finish the foundation before you run out of money, and then everyone will laugh at you. They will say: "There is the one who started a building and he could not finish it!" "Luke 14: 28-30."

3. THE POWER OF PRUDENCE IN TIME. (rule of life or lattice, examine, rest)

"So be careful how you walk, not as fools but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15-17

"The only thing I ask of the Lord—what I long for most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the perfection of the Lord and meditating within his temple. My heart has heard you say: "Come and talk to me." And my heart answers: "Here I come, Lord." Psalms 27:4, 8

4. THE POWER OF PRUDENCE IN DEPENDING ON THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (examine, analyze, meditate, obey)

"I have kept your word in my heart, so that I would not sin against you. I praise you, oh Lord; teach me your decrees. I recited out loud all the ordinances you

have given us. I rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches. I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. "I will delight in your decrees and will not forget your word." Psalms 119:11-16

Now, think and write down a specific step you can take to continue growing in the area in which you are most prudent

Finally, think about and write down a specific step you can take to continue growing where you are less prudent