

Gaining True Wisdom Pt.6

Proverbs 4:5-7 (ESV)

5 Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.

7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

Proverbs 4:6 (MSG) - Never walk away from Wisdom—she guards your life; love her—she keeps her eye on you.

1 Corinthians 1:24 (NLT) - But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

I. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

II. We can learn true wisdom from those who fear the Lord!

III. Why is God's wisdom so needed?

IV. We must answer wisdom's cry!

V. Wisdom remembers the spiritual law of sowing and reaping!

VI. Wisdom is motivated and demonstrated by love and faithfulness!

VII. We must trust and rely fully on God alone with absolute confidence!

VIII. We must truly know that everything belongs to God including wealth and possessions and is ours on loan!

IX. Wisdom cannot be lived out without discipline!

Proverbs 3:11-18 (NLT) My child, don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. Happy is the person who finds wisdom and gains understanding. For the profit of wisdom is better than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more

precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She offers you life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

Proverbs 3:12 (ESV) - for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Hebrews 12:5-11 (ESV)

5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

1. Love is the foundation and prerequisite of discipline!

2. Discipline seeks to correct, instruct and bring about a change in the behavior of the child because you love them and want what's best for them!

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) - Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Revelation 3:19 (ESV) - Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

3. The goal of discipline is repentance so that abundant life can be experienced!

1 Corinthians 11:32 (ESV) - But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

X. True wisdom causes you to guard your heart!

Proverbs 4:23-27 (ESV)

23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

24 Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.

25 Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.

26 Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

27 Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) - "Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 4:23 (MSG) - Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) - Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 4:24 (ESV) - Put away from you CROOKED SPEECH, and put DEVIIOUS TALK far from you.

Proverbs 4:24 (NIV) - Put away PERVERSITY from your mouth; keep CORRUPT TALK far from your lips.

Luke 6:45 (NLT) - "Whatever is in your heart determines what you say".

1. Guard your heart by keeping your spirit connected!

Psalm 51:10 (ESV) - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

A. Through consistently communicating with the Lord. (Spirit to spirit)

B. Through consistently consuming the Word. (Feed your spirit)

C. Through consistent companionship with strong believers. (keeps your spirit sharp, iron sharpens iron)

2. Guard your heart by keeping your mind clean!

Proverbs 4:25 (ESV) - Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) - As a man thinks in his heart so is he.

Psalms 101:3 (ESV) I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless (vile). I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

Luke 6:45 (ESV) - The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Philippians 4:8 (ESV) - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

3. Guard your heart by keeping your emotions in check!

Proverbs 4:26 (ESV) - Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

Psalms 119:5 (MSG) - Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping to the course you set;

Proverbs 14:30 (MSG) - A sound mind makes for a robust body, but runaway emotions corrode the bones.

Areas people have trouble with in regards to emotions...

A. ANGER

James 1:20 (ESV) - for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:26 (ESV) - Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

B. FEAR

1 John 4:18 (MSG) - There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear.

C. WORRY

Proverbs 12:25 (ESV) - Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG) - Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

4. Keeping your will in Christ!

Proverbs 4:27 (ESV) - Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Luke 22:42 (ESV) - saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Psalm 119:5 (ESV) - Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

Psalm 51:1 (ESV) - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.