



Sunday January 12, 2020
Wisdom Walk (Part 1)
Characteristics of Wisdom Walk

Review:

Word of the Lord 2020 : New Wine, Fresh Oil, New Wineskin

Receive new wine and fresh oil for a new you!

Present yourself as a new wineskin to receive new wine and fresh oil

Remind about Prayer Card:

1, All of us fast and pray every Friday for these 4 things for APC

A) Maturity - That every person at APC will grow into Christ-likeness in all things.

B) Miracles - That we will see increased miracles of healings, deliverances, provision, needs met to bless individuals, families and businesses at APC.

C) Multiplication - That each location at APC will double this year and great multitudes of people will become part of APC.

D) Ministries - That as a church we will have great impact on our city, nation and the nations through the various ministries God has assigned to us.

2, Each one share Jesus with at least one person each week

3, Each one of us invite at least two new people to church each month

4, As a Church we move into spontaneous flow with the Holy Spirit

TODAY

We will do a short two part message series on "WISDOM WALK" (or walking wisely).

We would like to understand the importance of walking wisely (i.e. WISDOM WALK), what are the characteristics of walking wisely (in Part 1) and then the rewards of walking with wisdom (in Part 2).

We will draw a lot from the book of Proverbs.

While studying the book of Proverbs would be a wonderful thing to do, in this two part series, we would like to highlight and in some way summarize key lessons from the book of Proverbs.

THE MAIN THING

Wisdom in the main thing

Proverbs 4:5-9

5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.



9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

vs 7 :

"the principal thing" means the first in place, time, order or rank implying the most important thing, the main thing, supreme, "above all and before all" (MSG Bible), put this "at the top of your list" (MSG Bible).

If we do this in relation to wisdom...:

Get wisdom (go after and acquire wisdom)

Do not forsake wisdom (never quit your "Wisdom Walk")

Exalt wisdom (give wisdom its place of importance in your life)

Embrace wisdom (hold on passionately to wisdom)

...then wisdom will cause this to happen to you:

Preserve and keep (guard, protect, garrison) you (vs 6)

Promote (to raise, to be high) you (vs 8)

Bring you honor (vs 8) Hebrew '*kabad*' to make you a person who is heavy, weighty, rich in glory and honor.

Exalt you (give you stature among people) (vs 9)

All of us would surely desire to have this happen to us. And the key to experiencing this in our lives is to maintain our wisdom walk.

WISDOM IS...

What is wisdom?

To put it succinctly, wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge.

Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge (A)to solve problems, (B)to determine right course of action in a situation, (C)to foresee situations, outcomes, or events (different from being prophetic) and choose what is best to do now.

Note: Prophetic foresight come purely by divine inspiration, although its expression would look similar to wisdom expressing itself through foresight.

Having knowledge, gathering information, assembling data (facts) is one thing. But processing that knowledge, information, facts, data to make right decisions requires wisdom.

This is what employers look for. While correct data gathering is important, employers are not just interested in someone who can report facts/information. They really want



people who can put available information together and arrive at right decisions. They are looking for people who have "wisdom".

We can also state what wisdom is, like this:

WISDOM IS THE COMBINATION OF INSIGHT + UNDERSTANDING + PRUDENCE

INSIGHT gives you the ability to see past the surface to see what is inside, hidden, underlying, the root cause(s), etc.

UNDERSTANDING give you the ability to make sense of all the information, looking at it from all possible angles (perspectives), giving proper weight to all perspectives and arriving at a proper interpretation of information.

When a person breaks down a very complex matter and explains it in simple, clear and concise manner - we can say that person really understands the subject matter. This person understands the A.B.C's (the basics) as well as the X,Y.Z's (the complex details) of the subject and hence can make the complex appear very simple. On the contrary, when a person who really does not understand the matter speaks, things are very fuzzy, unclear, and seems very complicated.

PRUDENCE is being skillful, intelligent, mentally sharp, keen and shrewd (in a good sense). It is the ability to discern, distinguish, separate facts from fiction, to make bare, have sound judgment and be circumspect. It is what is often referred to as having "common sense" or being "street smart".

When we are able to make decisions and order our lives with insight, understanding and prudence, then we are walking wisely. We are maintaining our WISDOM WALK.

WISDOM COMES

Let's mention briefly what Proverbs teaches us on how wisdom is obtained?

1, First God is the Source of Wisdom.

God imparts wisdom through His Word and the inspiration of His Spirit.

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

2, Second, we receive wisdom through others

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise,...

Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.



3, Third, we receive wisdom through training, learning and life experiences
We seek to gain wisdom from life's experiences and through training and learning.

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,...

IN ALL SEASONS

We must maintain our "Wisdom Walk" in all seasons of life.

Walk wisely in times of great success (e.g. David) and in times of great distress (e.g. Job)

David was young and yet he behaved wisely after he killed Goliath and became a national hero and was celebrated across Israel (1 Samuel 18:5,14-15,30).

Job suffered due to Satan's attacks, yet Job while walking in the revelation he had, made sure he did not sin against God (Job 1:22; 2:10).

DRESSING UP FOR WISDOM WALK

The book of Proverbs was written to impart and instruct us in the ways of wisdom. To teach and train us in our WISDOM WALK.

Proverbs 1:1-4

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion—

There is a lot obviously in these 31 chapters (915 verses) of Proverbs.

But for our learning purposes, if we were to try and summarize what Proverbs teaches us, to help us in our WISDOM WALK, we could probably distill it in these FIVE SUMMARY STATEMENTS (you may be able to add to these or come up with your own summary):

- 1, ALWAYS AND IN ALL THINGS HONOR THE LORD
- 2, ALWAYS BE LISTENING, ALWAYS BE LEARNING
- 3, DON'T TAKE WHAT IS NOT YOURS
- 4, DON'T KEEP WHAT YOU SHOULD BE GIVING AWAY
- 5, ALWAYS AND IN ALL THINGS WALK IN HUMILITY

In explaining these five summary statements we reference only some of the related verses from Proverbs. There will be many more verses in Proverbs that speak towards



each of the five summary statements. (*The sermon notes has additional references that we will not be mentioning during this sermon. Please refer to the sermon notes.*)

1, ALWAYS AND IN ALL THINGS HONOR THE LORD

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

A number of instructions in Proverbs on what to do, and what not to do, stem from this basic instruction of honoring the Lord in all things.

Because we honor the Lord in all things, we therefore

- Avoid evil, avoid the enticement of sinful people (Proverbs 1:10-16; 3:7)
- Honor/obey our parents (Proverbs 1:8-9; 23:22-25)
- Walk in mercy and truth (Proverbs 3:3)
- Always walk in integrity, uprightness and righteousness (Proverbs 11:3,20; 12:3)
- Honor God with your possessions (Proverbs 3:9)
- Receive the Lord's correction (Proverbs 3:11)
- Speak truth always (Proverbs 4:24; 12:17,19,22; 13:5)
- Don't be deceptive in your work (Proverbs 11:18)
- Don't put your trust in your riches (Proverbs 11:28)
- Tame your temper (Proverbs 14:17,29; 15:18)
- Do not retaliate (Proverbs 15:1)
- Choose good friends (Proverbs 12:26; 13:20)

2, ALWAYS BE LISTENING, ALWAYS BE LEARNING

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,...

Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction,...

- Receive instruction (Proverbs 12:1; 13:13; 15:32)
- Listen to counsel (Proverbs 10:8; 12:15; 15:22; 20:18; 24:6)
- Children listen to your parents (Proverbs 13:1)
- Have prudence (Proverbs 13:6)
- Have foresight (Proverbs 14:8,15; 22:3; 27:12; 30:25)



- Watch your words (Proverbs 10:19-21; 12:14; 13:2-3)
- Train your tongue (Proverbs 15:1,23,28)

Be willing to listen with an open mind, patiently, without pre-judging the other person.

Of course, we are careful to what we listen to. We avoid listening to wrong things, things that corrupt and destroy us.

3, DONT TAKE WHAT IS NOT YOURS

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

Don't use wicked ways for gain (Proverbs 1:19; 10:2; 13:11; 15:16)

Do not devise evil against your neighbor (Proverbs 3:29)

Do not strive with someone for no reason (Proverbs 3:30)

Don't commit adultery (Proverbs 5:15-20; 6:23-35; 9:13-18)

Don't be lazy (Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:4-5; 12:11,24,27;13:4)

Don't take bribes (Proverbs 15:27)

Don't use false weights and measures (Proverbs 11:1)

Don't encroach on others land/property (Proverbs 22:28; 23:10)

4, DONT KEEP WHAT YOU SHOULD BE GIVING AWAY

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

Proverbs 11:25-26

25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

26 The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

Give to those who need if you have the means to help (Proverbs 3:27-28)

Show mercy (Proverbs 11:17; 12:10)

Give generously (Proverbs 11:24-26; 13:7)

Speak good, kind, wholesome words (Proverbs 12:25)

Bring correction and discipline (Proverbs 13:24)

Share knowledge (Proverbs 15:7)

Speak up for the speechless and powerless (Proverbs 31:8-9)



5, ALWAYS AND IN ALL THINGS WALK IN HUMILITY

Proverbs 10:17 He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.

Reject pride (Proverbs 6:16-17; 8:13; 11:2; 13:10; 16:18; 29:23)

Choose humility (Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; 16:19; 18:12; 22:4; 29:23)

Receive correction and accept rebuke (Proverbs 13:18; 15:31-32)

Seek and receive godly counsel (Proverbs 11:14; 13:10)

Humility is recognizing our dependence on God, and on others and putting others ahead of ourselves.

WISDOM WALK - HOW TO

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Next Sunday, as we take this a little further, we will examine the rewards of WISDOM WALK.

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL

There is nothing too hard for God. Nothing impossible with God.

Proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Deliver, Miracle Worker.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The power of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us today.

We have been commissioned to do the works He did and even greater works.

We must come to Him in faith and we will receive.

Minister for people to receive healings, deliverances and miracles.

Take testimonies.

Lead in prayer for repentance and salvation.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Wisdom Walk (Part 1)
Characteristics of Wisdom Walk

The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Proverbs 3:13-18; Proverbs 4:5-9*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) Discuss what wisdom is. Consider what was presented as the definitions for wisdom in the sermon (see sermon notes)

2) Discuss the importance of walking in wisdom (WISDOM WALK) mentioned in the two Scripture passages from Proverbs we read today.

3) Discuss the 5 Summary statements and its application

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If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

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WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>