

## THE FATHER'S WISDOM

WE ARE IN AN AGE WHERE WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO “SPEAK OUR TRUTH”. WE LIVE IN A CULTURE THAT EMPHATICALLY PROMOTES, “WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS, IS THE REALITY OF LIFE, BECAUSE IT’S YOUR REALITY IN THAT MOMENT”. “YOUR TRUTH IS THE TRUTH, BECAUSE IT’S YOUR PERCEPTION IN THAT MOMENT”. ACTUALLY, NOTHING CAN BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THE REAL TRUTH, OF TRUE REALITY IS ONLY FOUND IN THE CREATOR OF LIFE AND TRUTH. GOD HIMSELF, SETS THE STANDARD IN WHICH TO LIVE BY AND, HAS PUT A MORAL COMPASS IN ALL HUMANS TO NAVIGATE AND DISCERN THE DIRECTION OF THE NARROW ROAD OF TRUTH. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SIN NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS TAKES THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF “FREE WILL” AND WE REBEL AGAINST TRUTH. WHY? BECAUSE OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS BECOME OUR REALITY UNLESS CHECKED AGAINST A SOLID, IMMOVABLE, INNERRANT, INFALLABLE STANDARD. THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. IN HONOR OF FATHER’S DAY, I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO SIT AND LISTEN TO THE FATHER’S WISDOM ON HOW-TO LIVE-IN TRUTH. THE REAL TRUTH, AS FOUND IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

### 1. FEAR GOD

Proverbs 1-7 NIV

**1** The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

**2** for gaining wisdom and instruction;  
for understanding words of insight;

WISDOM/HOKMA/SKILL IN LIFE, TRADE, WAR, SPIRITUAL THINGS/APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE CORRECTLY

INSTRUCTION/MUSAR/DISCIPLINE, CORRECTING ERRANT BEHAVIOR

<sup>3</sup> for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

<sup>4</sup> for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—

PRUDENCE/ORMA/ INTENTIONALITY, CUNNING

<sup>5</sup> let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—

<sup>6</sup> for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

FEAR/YIRA/REVERENCE

## 2. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR THOUGHTS

Matthew 15:19 NIV

<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

HEART/KARDIA/SEAT OF THOUGHT AND EMOTION, INNER SELF

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

<sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR HEART, FOLLOW CHRIST  
RENEW YOUR MIND, CLEANSE YOUR HEART, CONTROL YOUR  
THOUGHTS

Philippians 4:8 NIV

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

THINK ABOUT/LOGIZOMAI/COUNT, RECKON, REGARD,  
MAINTAIN

### 3. WATCH WHAT YOU SAY

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

<sup>21</sup>The tongue has the power of life and death,  
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

LOVE IT AND CONSUME THE RESULT

Matthew 15:10-11 NIV

<sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. <sup>11</sup> What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

CAN YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE?

IS WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SAY KIND, NECESSARY, AND TRUE?

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

<sup>18</sup> The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

SOMETIMES ITS BEST TO KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT

Proverbs 17:28 NIV

<sup>28</sup> Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent,  
and discerning if they hold their tongues.

#### 4. WATCH HOW YOU LIVE

Ephesians 5:1-7 NIV

**5** <sup>1</sup> Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EXAMPLE: WALK IN THE WAY OF LOVE, SACRIFICIAL SERVICE TO GOD AND OTHERS

<sup>3</sup> But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

SEXUAL IMMORALITY/PORNEIA/SEXUAL SIN OF ANY KIND

IMPURITY/AKATHARSIA/MORAL FILTHINESS

GREED/PLEONEXIA/EXTREME GREED FOR MATERIAL WEALTH OR GAIN,GRUDGINGLY GIVING

<sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them.

THE FATHER WARNS US THROUGH THE WRITING OF APOSTLE PAUL... DO NOT DO THESE THINGS OR WE FORFEIT THE INHERITENCE....DO NOT LET THE FOOLISH WORDS OF OTHERS DECIEVE YOU INTO MOVING OFF THE NARROW ROAD

## PARTNERS/SYMMETOCHOS/SHARING IN THE POSSESSION OF SOMETHING,SHARERS TOGETHER

### 5. PROTECT YOUR EYES

Matthew 6:22-23 NIV

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU LOOK AT

### 6. PROTECT YOUR EARS

Proverbs 20:19 NIV

<sup>19</sup> A gossip betrays a confidence;  
so avoid anyone who talks too much.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

<sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

BE CAREFUL WHO YOU LISTEN TO

INVEST IN YOURSELF BY FEEDING YOURSELF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ON A REGULAR BASIS

## Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

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