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The Development of Wisdom Across the Life-Span

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In today's hard journey of life, human faces daily challenges as imbalance, addiction, sorrow, excuse-making, envy, financial problems, motherhood and numerous other issues and struggles. In every walk of life, we operate from one of two view points: human or divine. It sometimes refers to the horizontal perspective and the vertical perspective. Humanity remains wilfully and stubbornly limited to the horizontal human opinions influence us more than God's commands and principles. We prefer to think, maintain our lives according to other perspectives rather than God's will.

Through this volume, I have learned that the quickest way to put the truth of peace and success into people's especially the adults of this generation is both through their heart and through their head. Today's technical world has made us robots; we have forgotten the spiritual consciousness and are completely dependent on technology. Our brain too has adopted technology and started working like that only. Earlier people use to pray to God for seeking wisdom and knowledge but now in this fast life artificial intelligence has become more powerful than spiritual wisdom. But now, a deeper need of spiritual wisdom is required to get eternal success rather than materialistic success.

The Book of Proverbs is related both with imparting information and in creating a teachable spirit in a person. Proverbs 1:2-4 leads to a primary goal in developing spiritual wisdom.

To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice and equity;
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth.

Study says that proverbs were complied to acquire knowledge, wisdom, instruction and words of insight. Wisdom is gained by applying these proverbs to one's life in order to make decisions that reflect God's standards of righteousness, justice and equity. Proverbs strives to teach

people – especially youth to be wise in practical life matters. We base our choices on what's best for ourselves and our loved ones (may be) without much regard for the long-term moral implications. Horizontal solutions give us the illusion of greater security and pleasure, so we tend to either reject or ignore vertical remedies to our challenges. For examples, when stuck under some pressure or pain, we desperately search for an easy (whether right or wrong) way not rather than heed God's counsel to trust him. God has preserved these wise teachings not simply for the purpose of mental nourishment but for their practical application as well. Wisdom embraces knowledge and understanding. In our current time, there is an even deeper need of wisdom in our lives. Disloyalty, materialism, laziness, and self-sufficiency run rampant. We have reality TV shows that encourage having different partners in the same week, news about murders over theft, social media campaigns for getting rich quick schemes, and efforts to remove God from our lives entirely. A major cause of death in our world is heart trouble. It doesn't mean that heart attack or heart failure. It means that nearly everyone endures the daily grind of a troubled heart, which often presents as lingering anxiety and more people are experiencing a relentless inner churning, restlessness, insecurity, instability, doubt, unrest and uncertainty. A troubled heart lacks peace and struggles to find assurance.

One remedy for a troubled heart is a friend who can offer wise counsel. Do you believe that God wants you to succeed? HE does. But instead of waiting on our Lord to solve our dilemma in His own way and in His own time, we usually step in and begin manipulating things and want a quick painless escape. Due to our sinful nature, we all need spiritual transformation through salvation. However, even after salvation, we struggle with our flesh. Self-reliance leaves us broken, discouraged and weak. One of the critical aspects of seeking knowledge and understanding is learning to have trust on God. God sends wisdom at the right time and with right message. When we are most attentive to listen: after we fail at something. God never wastes our time. He doesn't allow us to go through dark and dismal valleys or endure those long, winding and painful paths for no reason. In each one of us there are several reproofs attached with wisdom. Many and foolish are those who are stubborn or simply grit their teeth and bear life's hard times. These are the people who die or finish all their lives without searching or finding the correct means of wisdom. Failure and foibles can become our greatest opportunities to grow in wisdom. One should always be ready and watchful for reproofs and never discount their sources. Sometimes God's reproving wisdom

comes from most unlikely means. HIS teachings will be simple and obvious if we focus on them carefully. But most of the times we are blinded by our pride and ego. We think that we are smart enough to handle people, solve problems or take right decisions. Unfortunately, we fail in either of one area. As you walk through such circumstances, ask God to speak to your heart and fill you with His wisdom and guidance. One of the critical aspects of seeking knowledge and understanding is learning to trust God. God invites us to experience health and strength through His divine wisdom. However, we do things spiritually we can find strength and rejuvenation.

God doesn't want us to be alone or isolated. We were created to be social beings living together and transacting with people at regular basis. Many of us think or feel that it's not easy to get anything from God and this includes divine wisdom. However, God said we should just ask in faith and we will receive whatsoever we desire. It is God's will that you walk in wisdom and so is ever ready to give it to whoever asks for it or positions himself or herself for it. The good news is that the Lord is ready to give it to you freely, generously and without finding fault.

The fear of the lord is the beginning of Wisdom, so go for wisdom and enjoy all benefits it has to offer you.