

Wisdom in Uncertain Times Devotion: Part 2

Proverbs are defined at www.dictionary.com as *a short pithy saying in general use, stating a general truth or piece of advice*. Proverbs are universal truths of how to live life with kindness, love and goodness in all decisions or actions. And they provide in detail the consequences of not choosing to live a life with kindness, love and goodness. In essence, a proverb is an instruction of living a healthy life. Proverbs provide guidance of living an ethical and moral life, a life that exemplifies John's Wesley's three rules for living:

- 1) Do no harm.
- 2) Do good.
- 3) Stay in love with God

In this four-part series, four proverbs will be used to provide wisdom in a time of uncertainty, rapid change, discernment of truth and managing constant fear. May you find wisdom during this time and always as you continue to navigate the challenges of life.

Proverbs 2:1-22

This proverb, an acrostic of the Hebrew Alphabet can be summed up in these two simple sentences. Seek the Lord, for the Lord is all the protection you need. Walk with the Lord and you will live a life of blessings. The verbs seek and walk are in the proverb itself and provides the exact actions you and I need to do in our life. We first need to seek God and then we need to walk with God. That is the wisdom of the ages, to seek and walk with God.

How are you seeking God? Are you being intentional in seeking God? Are you setting time apart from your schedule and tasks lists to find God in the messes of your life? Are you seeking God in the experiences of this global pandemic of losses, isolation, fear and uncertainty? Seeking God means looking for God, how are you looking for God? Are you reading scripture? Are you meditating on the word of God using techniques like Lectio Divina?

How are you walking with God? Are you following God's commandants? Are your actions loving and caring and not based on anger and fear? Do you pause before you make decisions and think what the Godly decision is? Do you see God in the middle of your pain, suffering, illness, isolation, grief, or anger? Are you choosing to walk with God in all areas of your life or just the areas you are asking God for something?

May you humble yourself to a life of wisdom and righteousness and may you seek and walk with the Lord in all you do. Amen.

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