

Wisdom in Uncertain Times Devotion: Part 3

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 22:17-21

This proverb is clear – follow wisdom in all things and wisdom will always be righteous. If we replace wisdom with God, or more accurately, consider God as wisdom. Then it is clear that you and I need to follow God in all things. And more importantly God has provided all we need to know throughout the ages. Today we have both the Old Testament and the New Testament. God has provided abundantly the wisdom you and I need to live life out of love thus creating justice where there is injustice.

Are you following God in all things? What makes it difficult to follow God? Can you follow God in your illnesses? Your losses? Your pain? Following God means that you and I are wise. That doesn't mean that we will live a life of no suffering. It means that when you and I suffer, our suffering is another means for us to follow God in this life. In your pain, fear, worries, and concerns during this time do you see God? Do you see God in your pain of losing a loved one or losing our job? Do you see God in your fear of paying your bills? Do you see God in your worries of what will happen in our society and our world with this pandemic?

Choosing to see God in our pains and injustices is the greatest wisdom there is to have. Knowing God is with you no matter what is going on is needed and experiencing God during times of uncertainty is living a wise life. Experiencing God in these times does not mean getting what you want. It means being open to God's guidance and direction. Can you quiet your emotions and be still to hear God's guidance and direction? The stiller you can be the more you will hear.

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

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