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Psalm 24

Don't be envious of wicked men or wish you were with them, 2 because they plan violence, and they are always talking about trouble. 3 By wisdom a house is built; it is made secure through understanding. 4 By knowledge its rooms are furnished with all sorts of expensive and beautiful goods. 5 A wise man is strong, and a knowledgeable man grows in strength. 6 For through wise counsel you will wage your war, and victory lies in an abundance of advisors. 7 Wisdom lies beyond reach of the fool; he has nothing to say in court. 8 The person who plans on doing evil will be called a schemer. 9 To devise folly is sin, and people detest a scoffer. 10 If you grow weary when times are troubled, your strength is limited. 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death, and save those who stumble toward slaughter. 12 If you say, "Look here, we didn't know about this," doesn't God, who examines motives, discern it? Doesn't the one who guards your soul know about it? Won't he repay each person according to what he has done? 13 My son, eat honey, because it's good for you; indeed, drippings from the honeycomb are sweet to your taste; 14 Keep in mind that wisdom is like that for your soul; if you find it, there will be a future for you, and what you hope for won't be cut short. 15 Don't lie in wait like an outlaw to attack where the righteous live; 16 for though a righteous man falls seven times, he will rise again, but the wicked stumble into calamity. 17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls; don't let yourself be glad when he stumbles. 18 Otherwise the Lord will observe and disapprove, and he will turn his anger away from him. 19 Don't be anxious about those who practice evil, and don't be envious of the wicked. 20 For the wicked man has no future; the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished. 21 My son, fear both the Lord and the king, and don't keep company with rebels. 22 They will be destroyed suddenly, and who knows what kind of punishment will come from these two?

Sayings of the Wise

23 Here are some more proverbs from wise people: It isn't good to show partiality in judgment. 24 Whoever says to the wicked, "You're in the right," will be cursed by people and hated by nations. 25 But as for people who rebuke the wicked; a good blessing will fall upon them. 26 A kiss on the lips — that's what someone who gives an honest answer deserves. 27 First do your outside work, preparing your land for yourself. After that, build your house. 28 Don't testify against your neighbor without a cause, and don't lie when you speak. 29 Don't say, "I'll do to him like he did to me, I'll be sure to pay him back for what he did." 30 I went by the field belonging to a lazy man, by a vineyard belonging to a senseless person. 31 There it was, overgrown with thistles, the ground covered with thorns, its stone wall collapsed. 32 As I observed, I thought about it; I watched, and learned a lesson: 33 "A little sleep! A little slumber! A little folding of my hands to rest!" 34 Then your poverty will come upon you like a robber, your need like an armed bandit.

Wisdom is its own reward. Even so, Solomon predicted that the person seeking divine wisdom will enjoy significant advantages. Let's consider the benefits of wisdom from within.

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. (v. 6) We have a significant shortage of what Paul the apostle called "sensitivity," a trait he considered a trademark quality of spiritual maturity. He urged older men to be "sensible" (Titus 2:2). Shortly thereafter, he encouraged younger women to be "sensible" (v. 5). On the heels of that, he then underscored the same trait in young men (v. 6). And then, yet again, he wrote that all of us who have been born again should "live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (v. 12).

Imagine how many spiritual problems we could avoid by simply living sensibly, by applying divine wisdom to every decision, whether mundane or life altering.

Do you want these benefits? It's your choice to participate.

- 1.You will receive the knowledge of GOD
- 2.You will get discretion
- 3.You will be able to interpret proverbs and parables
- 4.The fear of the LORD will be applied to your life
- 5.An ability to receive instruction will be given
- 6.The Spirit of the LORD will be poured on you
- 7.What GOD is saying will be revealed to you
- 8.You will dwell in safety
- 9.You will have no fear of evil
- 10.You will be delivered from those who seek to hurt you
- 11.You will be delivered from illicit relationships
- 12.You will have good relationships
- 13.You will dwell in your inheritance
- 14.You will have a long life
- 15.You will have favor with GOD
- 16.You will have favor with men
- 17.GOD will direct your steps
- 18.You will have health to your navel
- 19.You will receive marrow to your bones
- 20>Your barns will be filled with plenty
- 21.You will have witty inventions
- 22.You will receive chastening and correction for your growth
- 23.You will receive riches
- 24.You will receive honor
- 25.You will walk in pleasantness
- 26.You will walk in peace
- 27.You will receive the "tree of Life"
- 28.You will receive life to your soul
- 29.You will receive grace
- 30.You will walk in safety

31. Your foot will not stumble
32. You will have peaceful sleep
33. You will have confidence in the LORD
34. Your home will be blessed
35. GOD will reveal His secrets to you
36. You will inherit glory
37. You will receive good doctrine
38. Wisdom will promote you
39. Your path will increase in light
40. You will have health to all your flesh
41. You will receive a crown of glory
42. Your ways will be established
43. You will make right decisions every time
44. You will walk in your assignment

What Are GOD's Benefits Preparing Us For?

GOD is teaching us that GOD's wisdom (information) consists of the laws and principles that will progressively prepare us for Kingdom residency!

GOD's system has already been set up. It works. But for many, the struggle is extremely difficult because it requires the dismantling of long standing strongholds of powerful and popular belief systems that come against us every day. But there is one advantage. A huge asset available to all believers, should they choose.

Godly wisdom is crucial in your life as a Christian if you want to live a meaningful life and not a life of regrets due to making foolish choices. God's word tells us in James 1:5-6 that if anyone lacks wisdom, let them ask of God who gives His divine wisdom that is pure and leads to life liberally without partiality. Without Godly wisdom in your life, you will end up wasting your life and you won't live the life God meant you to live. This is why you need godly wisdom in your life at all costs.

