

"GODLY WISDOM"

PART 3

OBJECTIVE: TO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING IN GODLY WISDOM. WE WILL UNCOVER HOW GOD ALLOWS US TO EXPERIENCE GODLY WISDOM THROUGH SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT.

KEY SCRIPTURES: PSALMS 32:8/ PROVERBS 2:6/JAMES 1:5
PROVERBS 1:7/ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-8/ 1 KINGS 3:16-28/
RUTH 3:1-9/

THE WISDOM OF NAOMI PROVIDES CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION AS YOU READ THIS TEXT. IT PROVIDES A LOOK AT GOD'S PLAN LIVED OUT IN THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE. IT IS GOD'S DIVINE WISDOM THAT IS MANIFESTED THROUGH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD.

GOD ALLOWS US TO SEE THROUGH NAOMI AND RUTH THAT EVEN THROUGH PROFOUND GRIEF AND BITTERNESS OF HEART THAT GOD CAN BRING RESTORATION THROUGH YOUR PAIN AND SORROWS. WHEN WE GO THROUGH IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO SEE THAT GOODNESS AND MERCY ARE STILL FOLLOWING US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.

WISDOM SHOWS US THAT GOD USES LITTLE DECISIONS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS _____ PLANS! (JEREMIAH 29:11-13).

THE DEFINING MOMENTS OF OUR LIFE ARE WRAPPED AROUND DECISIONS WE MAKE EVERYDAY. DISCERNMENT IS THE ABILITY TO JUDGE, UNDERSTAND, AND PERCEIVE THINGS CLEARLY AND WISELY.

NAOMI WAS ABLE TO IMPART WISDOM TO RUTH ALTHOUGH SHE WAS GOING THROUGH GREAT DESPAIR IN HER OWN HEART.

WHEN WE PRAY EVERYDAY THAT GOD WOULD GIVE US A WISE AND DISCERNING HEART. EVEN WHEN LIFE IS CHALLENGING GOD'S WISDOM WILL SHINE THROUGH IN MY LIFE. EVERY DECISION. EVERY CHOICE. EVERY STEP.

NOTICE NAOMI IS NOT SELFISH IN HER WISE ADVICE. NAOMI SEES A WAY FORWARD FOR RUTH. HER PLAN IS THOUGHTFUL AND STEMS FROM HER CARE, NOT MANIPULATION. HER SINCERE DESIRE IS THAT RUTH FIND REST, SECURITY, AND A FUTURE BEYOND HER CURRENT POSITION. NAOMI DISCERNS WISDOM FROM HER EXPERIENCE, GRIEF, AND DEEP LOVE.

WISDOM USUALLY GROWS IN QUIET PLACES THROUGH SEASONS OF LOSS, YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS, LEARNING TO TRUST GOD EVEN WHEN LIFE IS UNCERTAIN. NAOMI'S GUIDANCE DEMONSTRATES WISDOM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE LOUD. BUT IT MUST BE _____!

KEYS THAT HELP OUR CHOICES EVERYDAY

- **SPEECH** – PROVERBS 15:1: “A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH.” CHOOSE WORDS THAT BUILD UP RATHER THAN TEAR DOWN. PROVERBS 18:21
- **WORK ETHIC** – COLOSSIANS 3:23: WORK WHOLEHEARTEDLY FOR THE LORD, NOT JUST FOR HUMAN APPROVAL.
- **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** – PROVERBS 21:20: MANAGE RESOURCES PRUDENTLY, AVOIDING WASTE AND GREED.
- **RELATIONSHIPS** – EPHESIANS 4:32: BE KIND, TENDERHEARTED, AND FORGIVING, AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.
- **DISCERNMENT** – TEST EVERY DECISION AGAINST GOD'S WORD AND SEEK THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSIGHT (JOHN 16:13; PSALM 119:105)