

Message #119

Proverbs 28:6-11

Each one of us will stand before the judgment seat of God and give an account to God (Rom. 14:10-13), and this reality assumes, as Dr. Friesen said, that God not only has given us the privilege of choice, but also the “dignity of accountability.” God has also given us appropriate instructions in order to exercise our responsibility.

WISE PEOPLE PURPOSE TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY GOD’S WORD IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE BECAUSE THIS WILL BRING MANY WONDERFUL BLESSINGS IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT.

There is nothing magical about wise people; they have simply disciplined themselves to obey God in all kinds of situations. They have listened to God’s Word; they have learned God’s Word and they apply God’s Word.

WISE TEACHING #1 – Wise people realize godly poverty is much better than ungodly wealth. **28:6**

This “better than” proverb teaches that money has nothing to do with godliness.

WISE TEACHING #2 – Wise people know Biblical obedience is critical when choosing friends. **28:7**

That word “glutton” speaks of one who is worthless, vile, a squanderer who wastes himself and his resources in a manner like the prodigal. A wise son does not want to hurt his father or bring disgrace to him.

WISE TEACHING #3 – Wise people will not use disobedient or dishonest means to gain more. **28:8**

It is possible to multiply one’s wealth by disobedient and dishonest gain, but it is a very foolish thing to do.

WISE TEACHING #4 – Wise people know that disobedience nullifies prayer power. **28:9**

Many things in Proverbs are an abomination to God: crookedness (3:32); pride (6:17); lying (6:17, 19); wickedness (8:7); dishonest gain (11:1); and in the same breath sits prayer.

WISE TEACHING #5 – Wise people will not cause a righteous person to go astray. **28:10**

This is a serious proverb; when we advise people to do something, our advice had better not cause people to stray from the true path of God for if it does, we will reap terrible consequences.

WISE TEACHING #6 – Wise people do not equate wealth with wisdom. **28:11**

The word “wise in own eyes” are words that refer to one’s own opinion, judgment or estimation of self and not by assessment of God or His Word. Wisdom has nothing to do with what a person has, but what a person is able to discern.

God’s wisdom applies to all phases of life and those who choose to apply it to their lives will receive many great blessings both here and now and in the future.