

# Church of Christ

## ...Heart to Heart...

Wisdom is seen in behavior! Self-centeredness and jealousy reveal the lack of wisdom (Jam. 3:13-16). I was reading an article this week stating in America we spent over 30 billion dollars on products to stay young just this last year! Advertisements bombard our airwaves about staying fit and trim with this new pill or that new exercise equipment. They must influence people drastically because more and more ads pop up weekly! Money making schemes, books on self-esteem, and constant “new medical breakthroughs” on health issues are examples. Surgery to look younger, to become more enhanced, is taking our children (and parents) by storm. Pills and drugs are offered for every situation. Our society instructs that our lives become better, but our nation is getting worse and worse. It’s all become focused on self-image. When is the last time you heard of someone speaking of **wisdom**?

I don’t hear parents speak of wisdom or children being trained in wisdom. Parenting, godly parenting is based in wisdom from God. Our children need wisdom. Our parents/grandparents need wisdom! The wisdom from above (Jam. 4:17-18) is such a simple answer for life. God’s holy word is wisdom from God to man, yet it is the most ignored book on the planet, even among those in Christ!

The church at Colossae was instructed to conduct themselves with wisdom toward outsiders (Col. 4:5). Paul prayed for the brethren at Ephesus to be given wisdom from God to gain understanding (Eph. 1:17). Paul warned the Corinthians about fleshly wisdom from the world, not from God (II Cor. 1:12).

Wisdom from God affects your behavior and gives you clear direction on what to do in difficult situations. Marriages fail because of the lack of God’s wisdom. We raise our children to follow selfish desires because we as parents aren’t using His wisdom.

Why not take some time and read the book of Proverbs, a book of wisdom from God. There are 31 chapters. Read the chapter that corresponds with the day. The book begins by showing that God’s wisdom will give you wise behavior; instruct you in righteousness and what is just and fair. It will affect the youth as well as the adult (Prov. 1:1-6). Then the first wise statement is made, if one will accept it: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Prov. 1:7) It all starts with your fear of the Lord! No fear, respect or awe of God, will gain you no insight! Wisdom will protect you and understanding will guard you.

It’s time we start speaking of wisdom and not personal success or selfish ambition! When’s the last time you read God’s word for wisdom? Think about it!!!

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