



Faith wins battles. Wisdom builds homes (Heb 11:33-35; Prov 9:1)

Faith is the key out of prison. Wisdom is the key to the place.

There are Three Kinds of People: Wise, Foolish, Evil (Dr. Henry Cloud)

Wise People: Open to feedback, learns from experience, adjusts behavior based on feedback.
How to Relate: Discuss problems and provide feedback to facilitate growth and improvement.

Foolish People: Rejects feedback, resists change, blames others, does not adjust behavior.
How to Relate: Stop discussing problems and start discussing consequences. Protect what is important to you by setting limits and enforcing consequences to mitigate their impact.

Evil People: Intentionally harms others, seeks to destroy or cause damage.
How to Relate: Avoid engagement and focus on protection. Use legal, financial, and law enforcement resources to safeguard yourself and your interests. Maintain the firmest boundaries possible.

There are Three Key Words in the Book of Proverbs: Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom.

- Knowledge: Acquiring facts about things as they are.
- Understanding: Properly interpreting those facts.
- Wisdom: Practically applying those facts to real life.

1. Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.

Relationship with God: God reveals Himself us; we respond with reverence.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever. Psalm 111:10

2. Wisdom prepares for the future, it doesn't procrastinate in the present.

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. Proverbs 6:6-8

Way of the Ant:

- Self-motivation without external pressure
- Timeliness without procrastination
- Preparation for the future, not short-sighted



The 5 Marks of a Sluggard:

1. Procrastination (Prov 20:4)
2. Neglect of Duties (Prov 24:30-34).
3. Love of Sleep (Prov 6:9-11)
4. Making Excuses (Prov 22:13)
5. Lack of Initiative

The 5 Consequences of a Sluggard:

1. Poverty: Neglecting work and responsibilities leads to financial instability and lack (Prov 10:4)
2. Unfulfilled Needs: Needs remain unmet due to their inaction (Prov 20:4)
3. Ruin and Decay: Deterioration of one's property and resources (Prov 24:30-34)
4. Public Dishonor: Poor reputation and scorn within the community (Prov 12:24)
5. Dependency: Dependent on others due to their unwillingness to take care of themselves.

Five foolish virgins didn't lack purity, but they lacked preparation. Therefore, they were foolish and missed the bridegroom. (Mt 25:8).

The man who built his house on sand didn't prepare for the rain. Though not wicked, his lack of wisdom led to his home's destruction. (Mt 7:26)

The wisdom of Joseph was to prepare for famine by saving 20% during the years of plenty.(Gen 41:34)

3. Wisdom flees temptation, not flirts with it.

A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident. Proverbs 14:16

In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6