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I. My People Are Not Using Wisdom.

- A. Wisdom (defined/American Heritage Dictionary) –
Understanding of what is true, right, or lasting; common sense
and good judgment.
- B. **I Kings 4:29** – God gave Solomon wisdom, but he did not use it.
 - 1. **I Corinthians 1:30** – Jesus is made unto us wisdom.
 - 2. **Ephesians 1:17-18** – Let our eyes be opened to
know the hope to which He has called us.
 - 3. **I Corinthians 2:16** – We have the mind of Christ.
- C. **I Corinthians 6:17** – Those united with Christ are one spirit with
Him.
 - 1. I recently read that in EVERY area of our daily
lives and in all of our **experiences**, we must
remember that we are one spirit with the Lord.
We must live our lives with **practical Christian
living** and not with theories or doctrines.
 - 2. Be led by God's Spirit – not the spirit of the world.

II. Charisma Without Character

- A. Charisma – Great personal charm or magnetism; the ability to
perform; divinely inspired gifts or abilities; being able to win the
devotion of large numbers of people.

1. Gifts without fruit
 2. **Matthew 7:20** – Know by fruit who is of God.
- B. **Character** – **Moral strength and integrity**: How much strength do you have to do the right thing because it's right – even when you do not “FEEL” like it or “WANT” to – and do it without oversight (without someone standing over you making you do it)?
HABIT IS CHARACTER.

**HABITS ARE FORMED BY DISCIPLINE
OR THE LACK OF DISCIPLINE!**

- C. **Mark 8:34** – Disciples and discipline
- Jesus said, “**Follow Me**. Do what I do. I'll change you; rework your life and make you fishers of men.”
- D. Separated unto God and separate from the world.
Acts 13:2 and **II Corinthians 6:16-17**

III. Discipline – The Missing Ingredient

- A. **Discipline** – Training intended to produce a specified pattern of behavior.

Controlled Behavior

- B. **Self-Control** – A Fruit of the Spirit: **Galatians 5:22-23**
A fruit of the flesh: **Galatians 5:19-21**
- C. Why isn't the fruit developing in lives of Christians?
1. **Luke 8:14** – Caring about the world, riches, and pleasures of this life
 2. “Worldly Christians”
 - a. Fruit does not ripen.

- b. Narrow path – See **Matthew 7:12-14**.

IV. An Issue Between You And God!

- A. Continuing definition of discipline: A state of order based on submission to rules and authority.
- B. Is your discipline based on outside control or inside control?
 - 1. A boss, time clock, punishment, or trouble you get into
 - OR**
 - 2. Being one spirit with the Lord – knowing His heart – wisdom
- C. **I Corinthians 6:12** – Paul disciplines himself.

I Corinthians 9:25-27 – Do not preach to others and be a castaway yourself.
- D. **Hebrews 12:11** – *For the time being discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it . . .*
- E. **I Timothy 3:1-5** – Leaders must be disciplined.

V. Areas We Need To Discipline

- A. No short cuts

Stop looking for an easy way out.
- B. Cultivate punctuality.
- C. Gird up the loins of your mind.

Discipline thoughts.
- D. Discipline what you look at, your associations, and entertainment.

1. **Proverbs 4:23** – *Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.*

2. **Vigilance** – Alert watchfulness.

E. Conversation and words of our mouth

1. **Proverbs 10:19** – *In a multitude of words transgression is not lacking . . .*

2. “Beware” of complaining, grumbling, faultfinding, criticism, gossip, tale bearing, and verbalizing opinions excessively or at the wrong time.

3. **Proverbs 16:23** – *The mind of the wise instructs his mouth . . .*

F. Sleep and rest

1. **Proverbs 6:4** – *Give not [unnecessary] sleep to your eyes . . .*

2. Also obey God’s laws of rest

G. “Money” – To spend and also not to spend

H. Moods

Proverbs 14:17 – *He who foams up quickly and flies into a passion deals foolishly . . .*

I. Eating habits – Do not overeat, under eat, or eat “junky.”

J. Time – Keep priorities in line.

1. God first

2. Family

3. Job

- 4. Ministry
- 5. Self
- K. Disciplined prayer life
- L. Care for the things you own.

God gives, and we are to care for and manage.

Wisdom is the principal thing.

Prize her – she will exalt you.

Proverbs 4:7-10

