

Wise Up – 4

“How to Retain Wisdom”

Proverbs 3:13-18 (NLT)

Like a good woman, wisdom cannot be taken for granted.

- Value her
- Exalt and honor her
- “Happy wife, happy life”
- She (wisdom) is relational

While principles, spiritual laws, and concepts are important, pure Christianity is not mechanical (relational)

(i.e., lifeless, habitual routines with no meaning)

Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. It involves understanding, discernment, discretion.... (just to mention a few)

It's our relationship with God on a daily basis that causes us to attain and retain her (Wisdom).

Hebrews 5:10-14 (NLT) (a New Testament example)

- Babe = can't tell good from evil (right from wrong)
- Mature = through training, have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong

They did not retain her (wisdom)

Job 28:28 (NLT)

- Fear of the Lord

Vital to retaining wisdom

Hard to define or explain

- Involves how we view God
- Involves how we position ourselves in relation to God
- To be in “awe” of God
- To be arrested by His Presence and Person
- Profound respect – “reverential fear”
- Drawing positive force of serving and worshiping God
- Wholesome dread of displeasing God
“This kind of fear drives me to faith.”

It's NOT: a being afraid or scared of God
a tormenting fear or demonic fear

Examples:

A. Job 1:1 (NLT)

Job 1:8-10 (NLT)

Three times, it was recorded that Job feared God.

B Abraham

Genesis 22:12 (NLT)

Psalm 25:12-14 (NLT)

Genesis 18:17-19 (ref)

“Great and mighty nation”

“All nations of the earth blessed through him”

C. Mary (mother of Jesus)

Luke 1:46-50 (NLT)

Luke 1:72-75 (NLT) (Zechariah’s prophecy)

Serve without fear?

OPTIONAL: MEDIA

D. Jesus

Isaiah 11:1-4 (NLT)

Isaiah 11:1-3 (Ampl)