

Handling the Future, Honor, and Wisdom Proverbs 27 pt. 6

“for wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time.”-Proverbs 27:24

What are some effective ways to always be prepared in life?

***Spiritual R_____:** Daily prayer & reflection, Scripture meditation, Trusting G__

***Mental & Emotional P_____:** Continuous l_____, Emotional resilience, Mindfulness

***Practical Readiness:** Financial stewardship, Health h_____, Planning & Organization

***Relational Preparation:** Build strong c_____, Serve others, Wise C_____

***Character & Perspective:** Humility, Adaptability, H_____

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”-Benjamin Franklin

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22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain, you will not separate his foolishness from him.

What old sayings does this proverb remind you of?

- You can't fix s_____!
- Ignorance can be cured, but s_____ is forever!

In context King Solomon is saying foolishness and stupidity are directly linked to how one interacts with wisdom and common sense.

Notice the image:

Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain...

In Biblical days they would grind grain in a bowl (mortar) using a hard tool (pestle) to separate the kernels from the grain. The lesson is clear, no matter what a foolish person goes through, no amount of outside pressure or pain will separate them from their foolishness.

What are some examples of outside pressures or pain?

*Near d_____ experiences *L_____ *Difficult t_____

*Health c_____ *Discipline

- Deuteronomy 8:2; Joshua 5:6

Why is it so hard for people to leave a lifestyle of foolishness for godly wisdom?

*Human N_____ *Spiritual B_____ *Pride and self-r_____

*Spiritual W_____

- Isaiah 1:5:6; Jeremiah 13:23; Matthew 13:15

Where does biblical wisdom start?

- With a proper u_____ of God. (Proverbs 1:7)

23-27 Know well the condition of your flock, and pay attention to your herds, for wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time. When hay is removed and new growth appears and the grain from the hills is gathered in, lambs will provide your clothing, and goats, the price of a field; there will be enough goat's milk for your food—food for your household and nourishment for your female servants.

What old sayings does this proverb remind you of?

- Nothing _____ forever!
- Always be p_____!
- Hard work pays o_____!

In context, King Solomon uses a thorough illustration of a hard working rancher and his reward.

Notice what is needed for the rancher to be successful:

Diligence: To know figuratively and literally; this includes care, observation, and recognition. To be aware, able to advise, answer and appoint. This takes hard work.

Why does diligence matter?

*It develops s_____ *Builds r_____ *Boosts c_____

- Proverbs 10:4; 12:24

Discernment: To be mindful of the end; wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time. Mindful of the times/seasons/harvest. This requires f_____ thinking.

How can someone be more discerning?

*Slow d_____ decisions *Ask b_____ questions *Practice o_____

- Psalm 90:12; Hosea 14:9

Delight: This is the rancher's success; If he took care of the flock and herds they would take care of him, his family, and livelihood.

- Isaiah 1:18-19; Proverbs 3:1-2

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires."-Psalm 37:4

How can we apply this verse in our lives today?

*Taking care of one's own f_____: 1 Timothy 5:8

*Being a good s_____: Luke 12:42-48

*Using our s_____ g_____ in the body of Christ: 1 Peter 4:11

*As a s_____ of God: 2 Timothy 2:15

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted.”