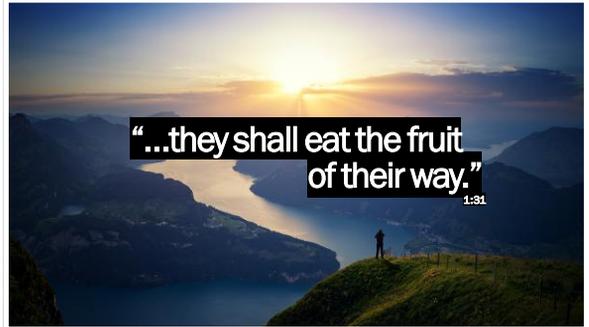
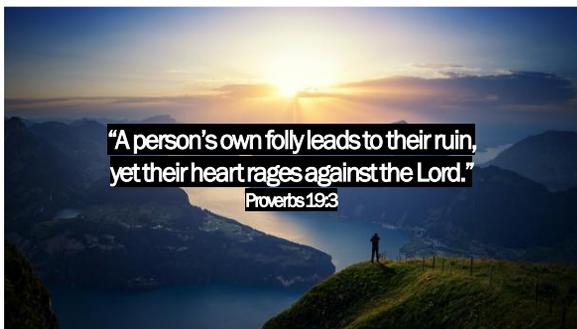




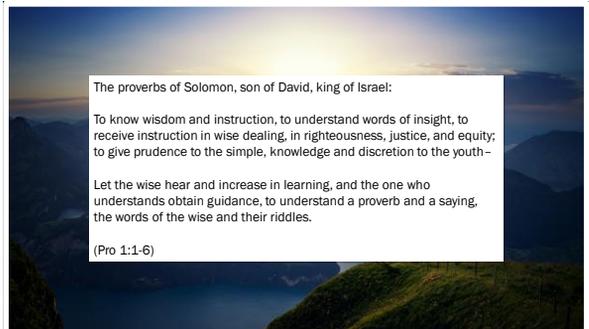
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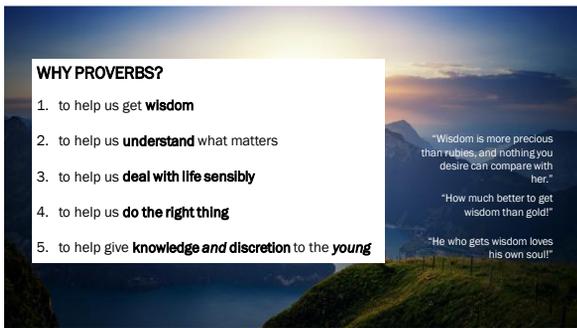
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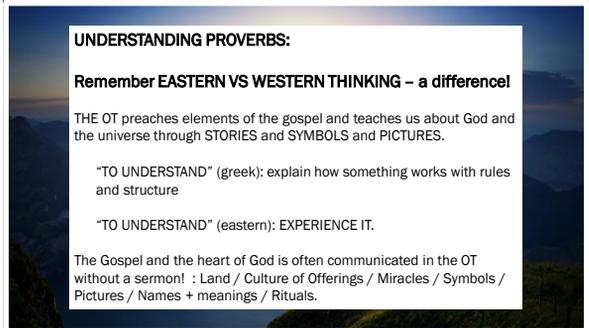
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OT WISDOM WRITINGS ARE THEIR OWN SPECIAL CATEGORY

Greek Thinking: "Let's find a good system to apply."
[explain + master model]

Hebrew Wisdom: "Walk this path long enough and you will begin to recognize what is true."
[practice + perceive model]

Intention: To train the reader to discover truth by experience, not through system.

Goal: Notice God's version of reality, align your life with it and see that it's good.

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PROVERBS IS DIFFERENT!

Proverbs is *not* giving us a series of *formulas, promises, and to-do lists*, it presents us **observations + patterns** of how God's world works (And points us to christ).

PROVERBS IS MORE LIKE POETRY THAN A LEGAL DOCUMENT!

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**HISTORY AND BACKGROUND / AUTHORS
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**I NEED HELP.
I NEED GOD.**

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**THE SOLOMON PRINCIPLE:
SELF-INSUFFICIENCY**
(It can be tough when you experience it.)

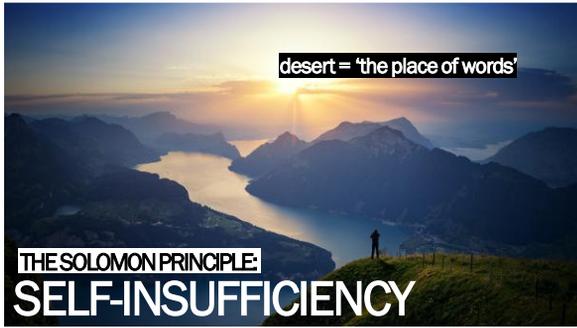
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Life isn't about me proving my sufficiency anyway.

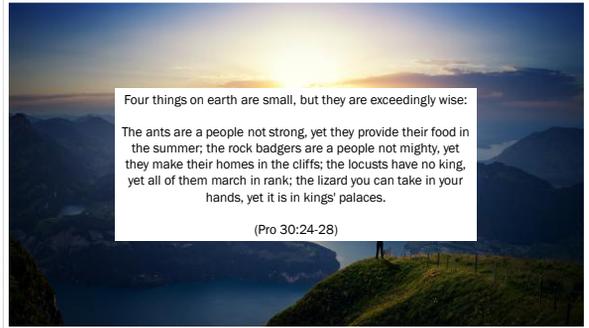
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The annoying words of a mentor:
**GOD DOES MUCH WITH LITTLE,
MOST WITH LEAST,
AND EVERYTHING WITH NOTHING!**

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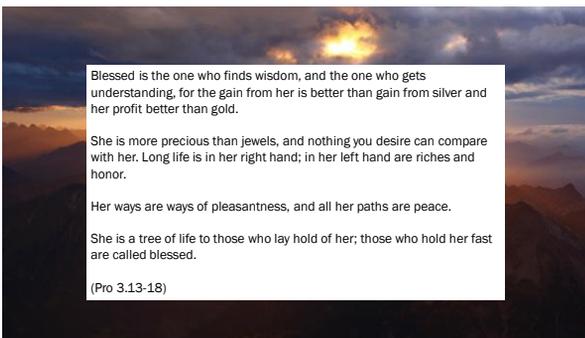
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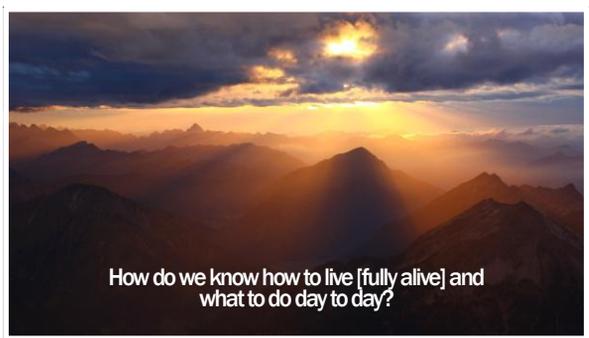
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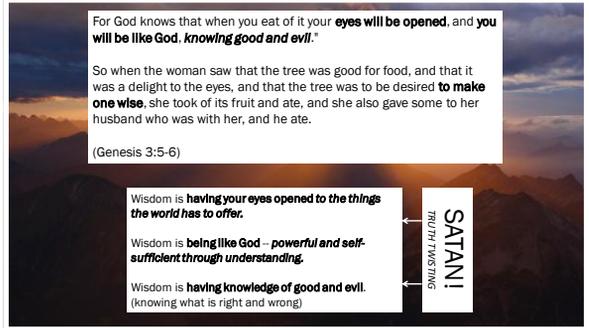
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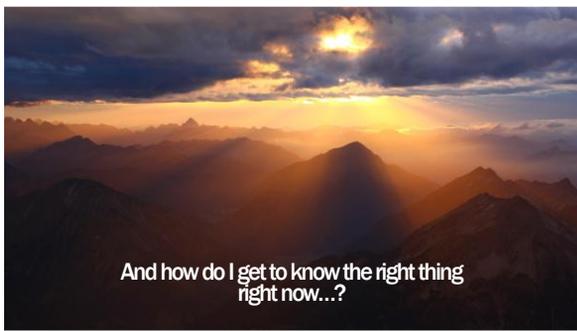
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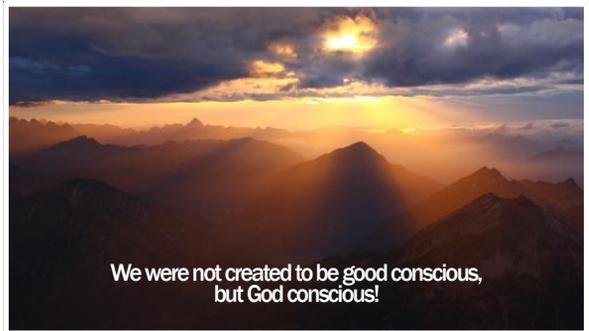
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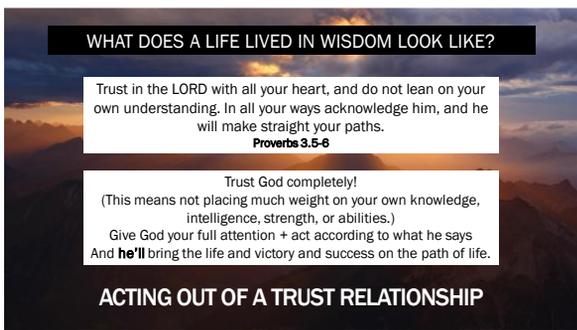
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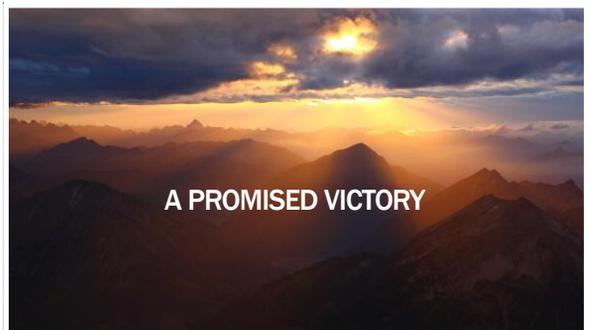
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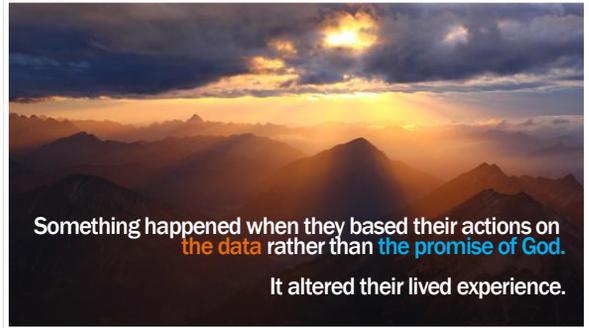
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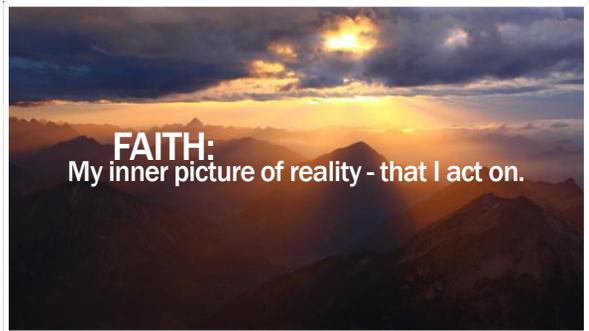
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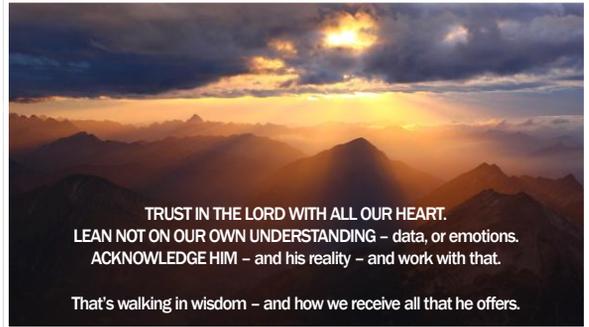
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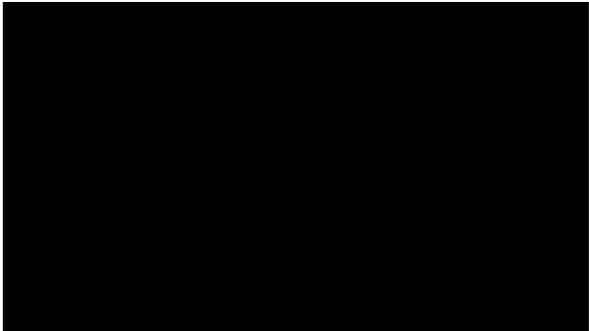
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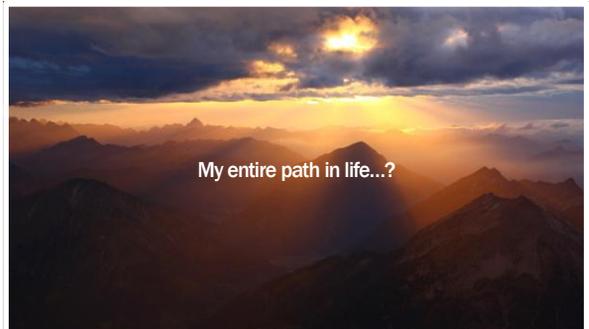
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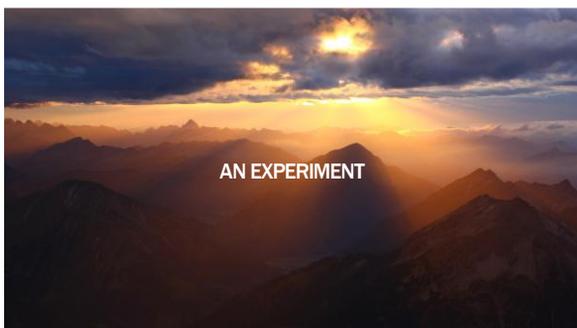
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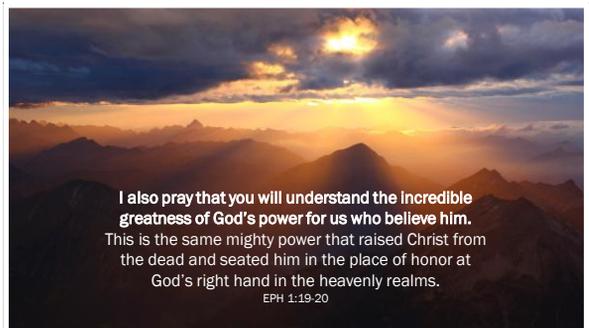
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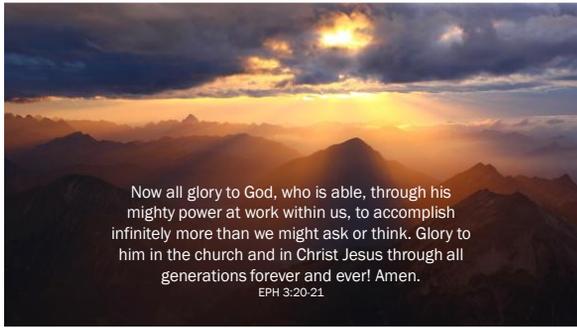
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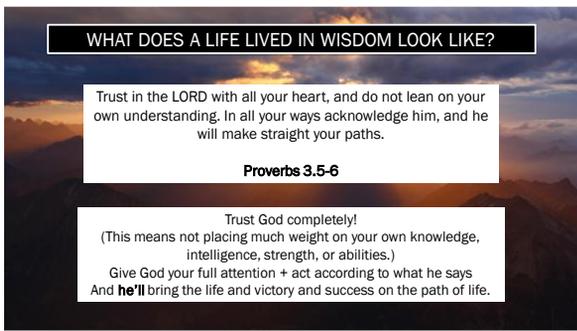
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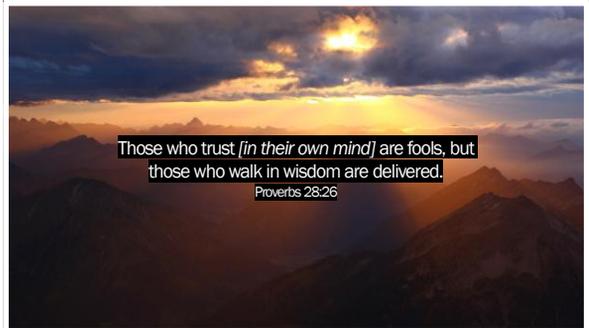
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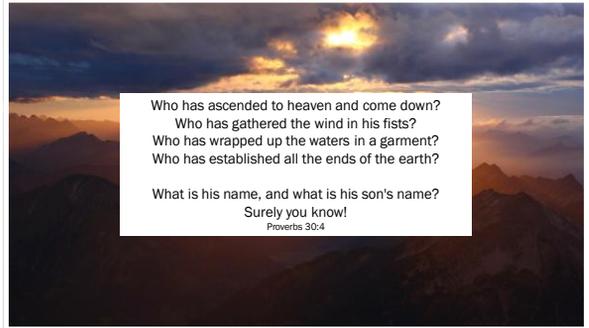


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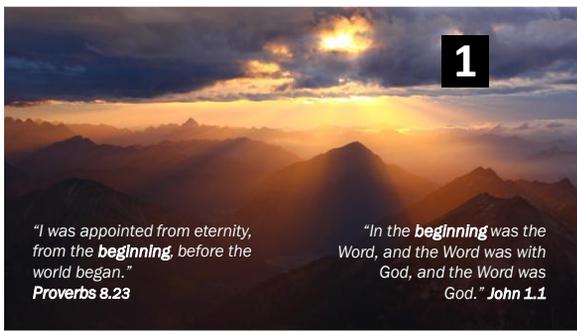
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Who has ascended to heaven and come down?
 Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
 Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
 Who has established all the ends of the earth?

 What is his name, and what is his son's name?
 Surely you know!
Proverbs 30:4

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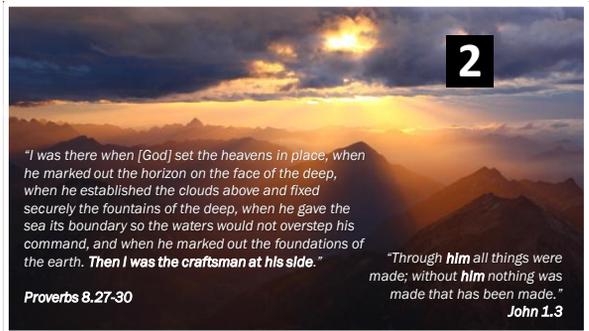


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"I was appointed from eternity,
 from the **beginning**, before the
 world began."
Proverbs 8:23

"In the **beginning** was the
 Word, and the Word was with
 God, and the Word was
 God." **John 1:1**

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"I was there when [God] set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. **Then I was the craftsman at his side.**"
Proverbs 8:27-30

"Through **him** all things were made; without **him** nothing was made that has been made."
John 1:3

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"Whoever believes [in me] has everlasting **life**!" **John 6:47**

"I am the way, the truth, and the **life**. No one comes to the father except through me."
John 14:6

"Whoever finds me finds **life** and receives favor from the Lord." **Proverbs 8:35**

"I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full!"
John 10:10

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Proverbs 8:4-6 tells us that wisdom cries out to men to accept it. „Get me! You want what I have to offer!“

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."
John 7:37

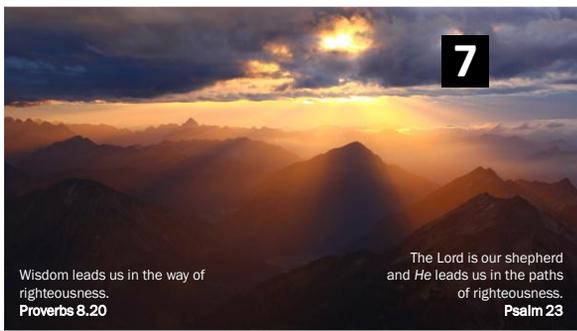
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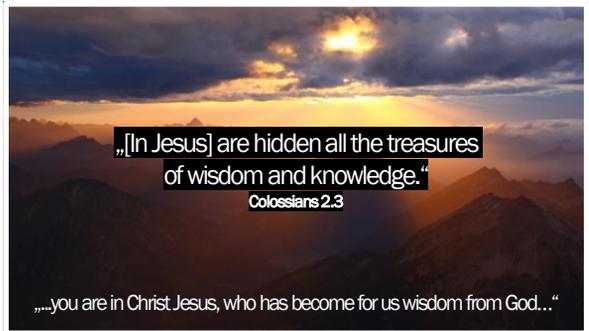
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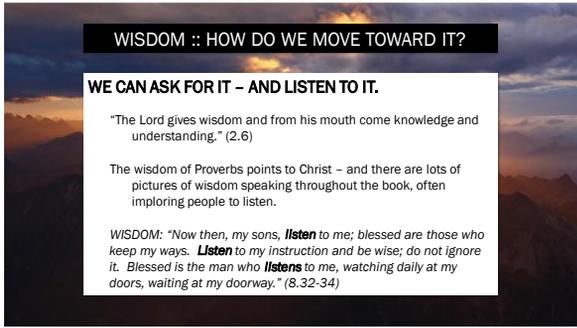
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WISDOM :: HOW DO WE MOVE TOWARD IT?

WE CAN ASK FOR IT – AND LISTEN TO IT.

"The Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (2.6)

The wisdom of Proverbs points to Christ – and there are lots of pictures of wisdom speaking throughout the book, often imploring people to listen.

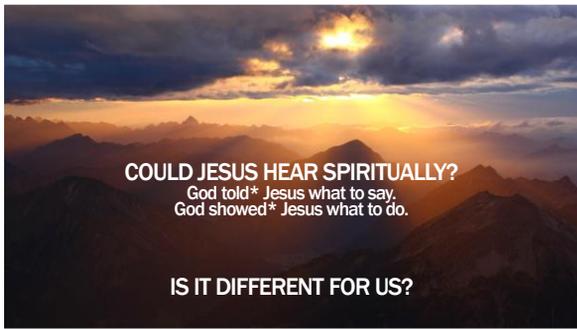
*WISDOM: "Now then, my sons, **listen** to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. **Listen** to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. Blessed is the man who **listens** to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway." (8.32-34)*

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IS THIS A THING?
Yes, you can hear spiritually.

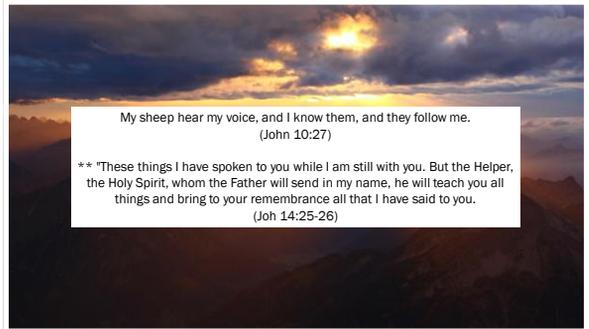
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COULD JESUS HEAR SPIRITUALLY?
God told* Jesus what to say,
God showed* Jesus what to do.

IS IT DIFFERENT FOR US?

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My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
(John 10:27)

** "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
(Joh 14:25-26)

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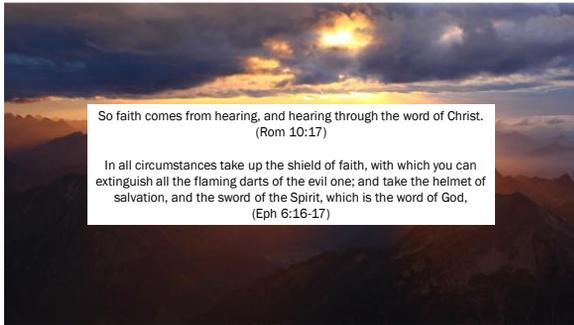
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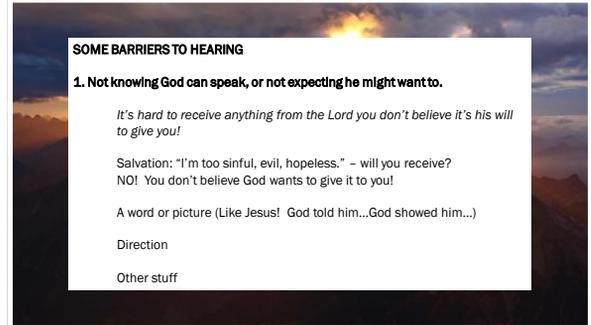


Some language from a few different church streams:
WRITTEN+ (logos*) WORD
DYNAMIC (rhema) PERSONAL WORD

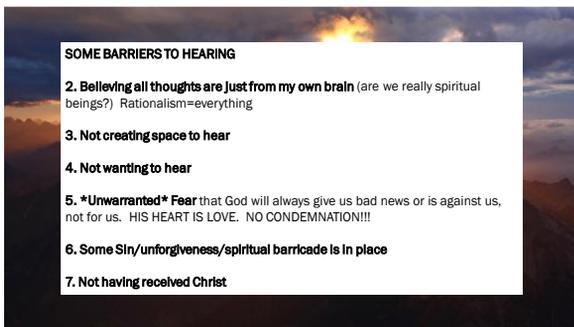
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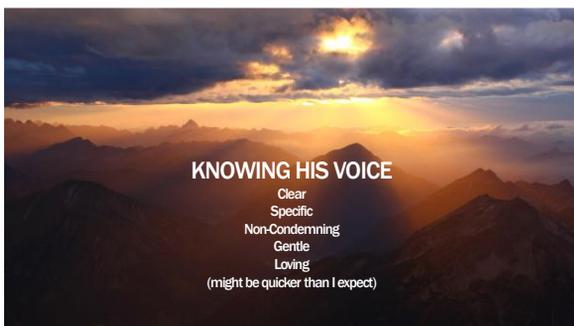
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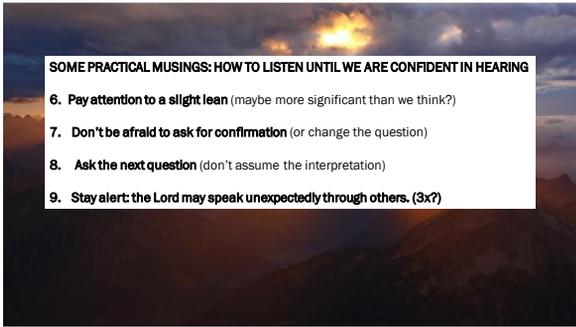
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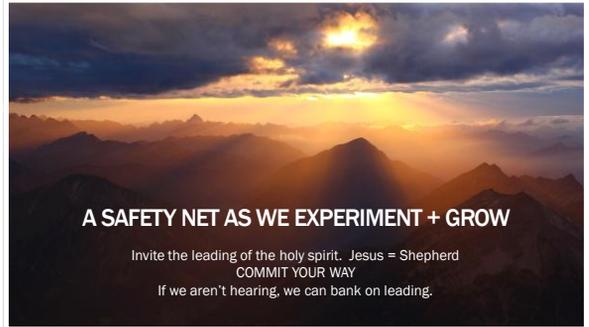
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SOME PRACTICAL MUSINGS: HOW TO LISTEN UNTIL WE ARE CONFIDENT IN HEARING

6. Pay attention to a slight lean (maybe more significant than we think?)
7. Don't be afraid to ask for confirmation (or change the question)
8. Ask the next question (don't assume the interpretation)
9. Stay alert: the Lord may speak unexpectedly through others. (3x?)

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A SAFETY NET AS WE EXPERIMENT + GROW

Invite the leading of the holy spirit. Jesus = Shepherd
 COMMIT YOUR WAY
 If we aren't hearing, we can bank on leading.

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A PICTURE TO REMEMBER

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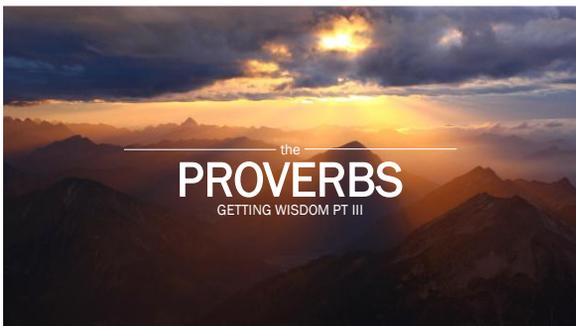


**SOMETHING HELPFUL:
 ACCEPT THAT THIS WILL BE A LEARNING PROCESS.**

Sometimes we may not hear.
 Sometimes we may get stuff wrong.
 Sometimes we may miss something.
 Sometimes we may get confused.

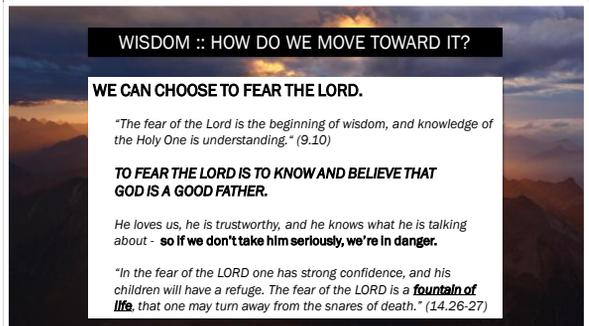
Don't worry and don't give up. God wants to help us in this!!!

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WISDOM :: HOW DO WE MOVE TOWARD IT?

WE CAN CHOOSE TO FEAR THE LORD.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (9.10)

TO FEAR THE LORD IS TO KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT GOD IS A GOOD FATHER.

*He loves us, he is trustworthy, and he knows what he is talking about - **so if we don't take him seriously, we're in danger.***

*"In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. The fear of the LORD is a **fountain of life**, that one may turn away from the snares of death." (14.26-27)*

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Proverbs 1:22-33 – They did not “choose to fear the Lord.”

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare [trap], but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.” (29.25)

WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF?

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Practice noticing what you are thinking. (peace goes) **PAY ATTENTION.**

Make a list of what's in your brain that doesn't align with G.VOR.

Block out some uninterrupted, undistracted time, invite Jesus to speak into your life, and then:

- Bring one individual lie by name to Jesus
- Ask the holy spirit to give you a thought, verse, word, or picture of what truth Jesus would say to you **PERSONALLY** to counteract that lie.
- Leave space + time to listen. See what thought Jesus brings to mind.
- Double check – is it biblical? Voice of the shepherd?
- If yes, write it down. An idea: write down the lie first, and then write the truth that Jesus gave you next to it.

That's his dynamic word to you to counteract it, so you'll want to remember it. Memorize it.

Repeat the process.

THE OPTIONAL HOMEWORK

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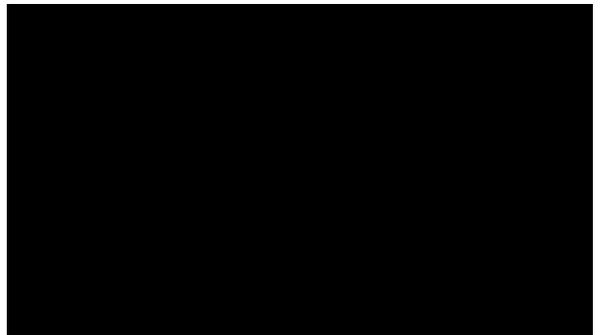
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WISDOM :: HOW DO WE MOVE TOWARD IT?

WE CAN LEARN TO HUMBLE OURSELVES

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” (11.2)

*“Have this mind among yourselves, **which is yours in Christ Jesus**, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Php 2:5-8)*

“Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.” (18.12)

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WISDOM :: HOW DO WE MOVE TOWARD IT?

WE CAN BE OPEN – FOR COUNSEL, INSTRUCTION, AND CORRECTION

“Hear counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction, that you may be wise in the time to come.” (19.20)

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who listens to counsel is wise.” (12.15)

“Test everything. Hold on to the good.” (1 Thess. 5.21)

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. Prov 18:1

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WISDOM :: HOW DO WE MOVE TOWARD IT?

WE CAN CHOOSE OUR FRIENDS CAREFULLY

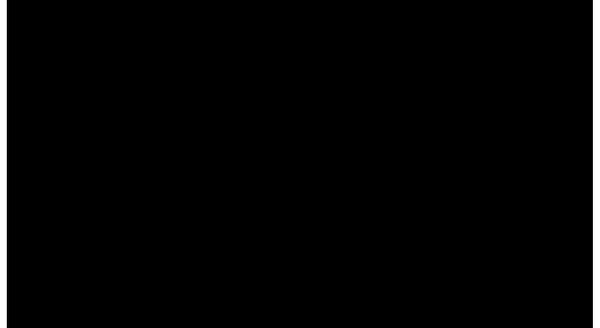
Proverbs 13:20 "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

FOOL: "One who is deficient in judgment, sense, or understanding"

FROM THE HEBREW :: "Morally deficient"

Proverbs 12:26 "A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."

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The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.
Proverbs 21:31

IN CHRIST, I HAVE WHAT I NEED TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

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...it is God who works in you to will and to act...

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LAZINESS – LIKE SMOKE AND VINEGAR
"As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him." (10.26)

LAZINESS IS DOING NOTHING OR THE EASY THING WHEN THE BEST THING REQUIRES EFFORT.

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TWO WARNINGS ABOUT LAZINESS

1 - LAZINESS AND DISCONTENTMENT GO TOGETHER.

"The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied." (13.4)

"The sluggard's craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work." (21.25)

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TWO WARNINGS ABOUT LAZINESS

2 - LIVING LAZY PRODUCES A VICIOUS CYCLE.

„As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.“ (26.14)

LAZINESS DOESN'T GIVE US ENERGY, IT TAKES IT AWAY!

„Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry.“ (19.15)

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**ARE WE LAZY?
NO! NEVER EVER.**

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Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.”

Proverbs 8:1-4

DRIFT: DO NOTHING AND SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN.

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

1 – CULTIVATING A WRONG MINDSET TOWARDS EVIL

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.” (3.7-8)

RUN! :: “Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.” (1 Cor 6.18)

RUN! :: “But you, man of God, flee from all this [materialism, love of money], and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” (1 Tim 6.11)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

1 - CULTIVATING A WRONG MINDSET TOWARDS EVIL

RUN! :: “Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Tim 2.22)

RUN! :: “Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.” (1 Cor 10.14)

“To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I [wisdom] hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.” (8.13)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

1 - CULTIVATING A WRONG MINDSET TOWARDS EVIL

"Sow a **thought** and you reap an **action**; sow an **act** and you reap a **habit**; sow a **habit** and you reap a **character**; sow a **character** and you reap a **destiny**." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD." (23.17)

"Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of the wicked, for the evil man has no future hope, and the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out." (24.19-20)

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There's a bigger story:

REMEMBER THE LAW OF SOWING
You always reap *what* you sow.
You always reap *after* you sow.

REMEMBER THAT TRAINING MATTERS
(and this is a spiritual thing)

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ONE DEGREE

"Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."
(4.23)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

2 - HOLDING ON TO DANGEROUS STUFF

"Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?
Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?"
(6.27-28)

DROP IT! :: "Therefore, **get rid of all moral filth** and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." (James 1.21)

DROP IT! :: "So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "**Get rid of the foreign gods** you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes." (Genesis 35.2)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

2 - HOLDING ON TO DANGEROUS STUFF

DROP IT! :: "[...] Each of you, **get rid of the vile images** you have set your eyes on, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt [...]" (Ezekiel 20.7)

DROP IT! :: "**Get rid of the old yeast** [the yeast of malice and wickedness] that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are..." (1 Cor 5.7)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

2 - HOLDING ON TO DANGEROUS STUFF

He [Hezekiah] did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done.

He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it." (2 Kings 18.3-4)

REMOVED	SMASHED
CUT DOWN	BROKE

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

2 – HOLDING ON TO DANGEROUS STUFF

"AN IDOL IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN CHRIST, WHICH WE RUN TO FIRST WHEN UNDER PRESSURE OR IN PAIN."

(Where do we turn first for meaning, comfort, or direction?)

ACCOMPLISHMENT + PERFORMANCE	FOOD
AFFIRMATION SEEKING	ENTERTAINMENT ESCAPISM
CHEMICAL RELAXATION	MATERIALISM
SEXUALITY	WITHDRAWAL

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"CAN A MAN SCOOP FIRE INTO HIS LAP WITHOUT HIS CLOTHES BEING BURNED?"

NO.

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

2 – HOLDING ON TO DANGEROUS STUFF

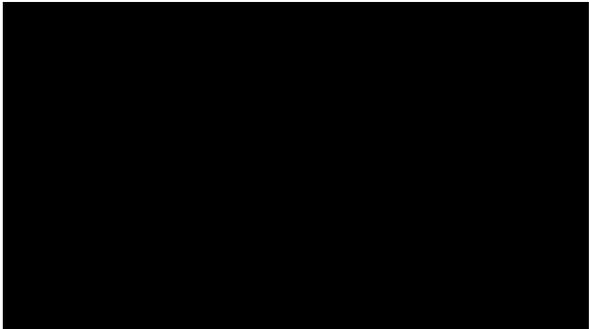
A NOTE ON THE NATURE OF IDOLS (Psalm 115:3-7)

IDOLS ARE...

1. Lifeless
2. Numb
3. Empty
4. Powerless

„Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.“ (Psalm 115.8)

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CHARACTER LAZINESS

3 – NOT SEEKING THE TRUTH

WHAT WE BELIEVE AFFECTS WHAT WE DO.

"knowledge of the Holy One is insight (understanding)" (9.10b)

"It is not good to have zeal [passion] without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way." (19.2)

"The untended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a theological wilderness; the church or denomination that grows careless on the highway of truth will before long find itself astray, bogged down in some mud flat from which there is no escape."

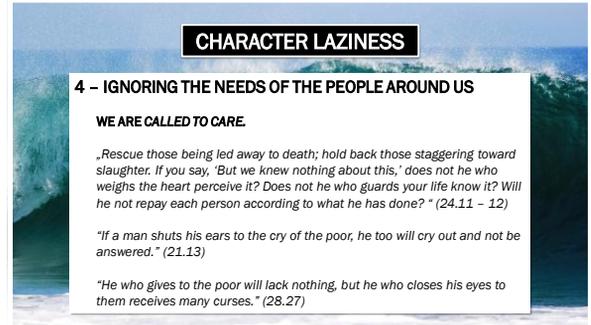
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INHERITED RELIGION IS POWERLESS TO BRING LIFE TO THE FULLEST.

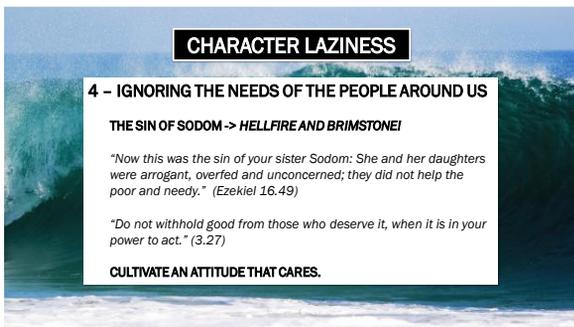
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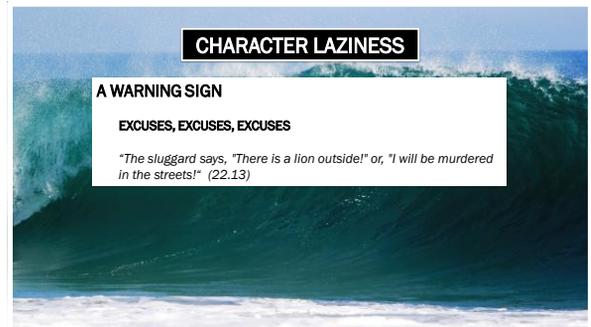
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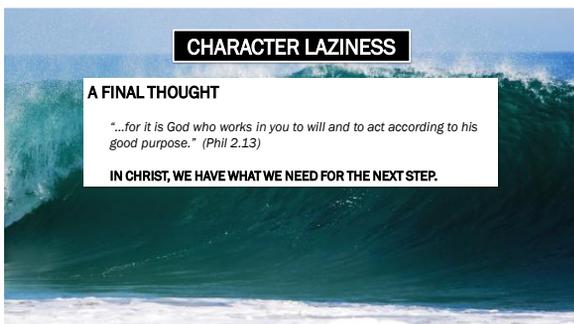
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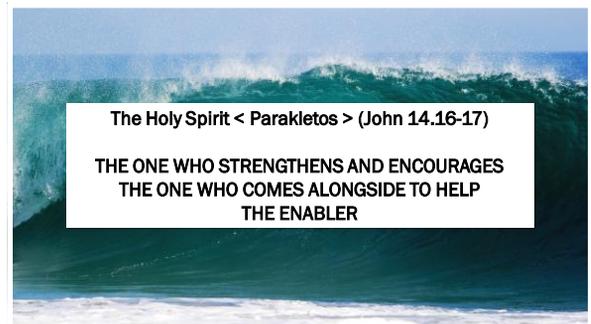
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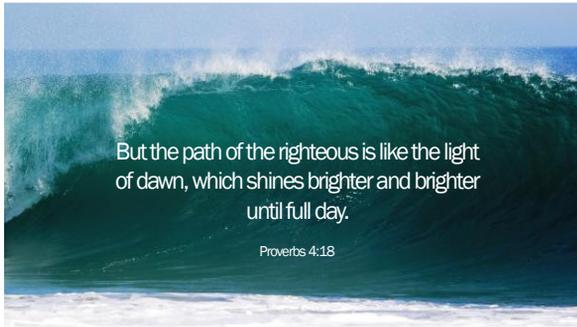
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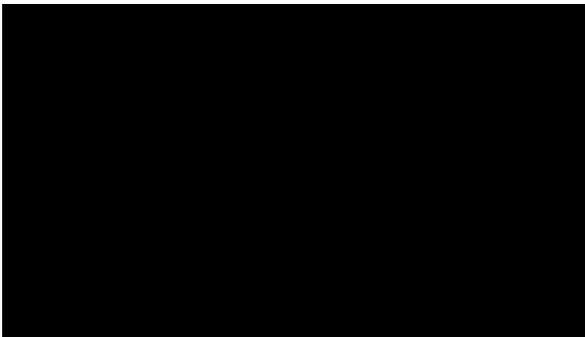
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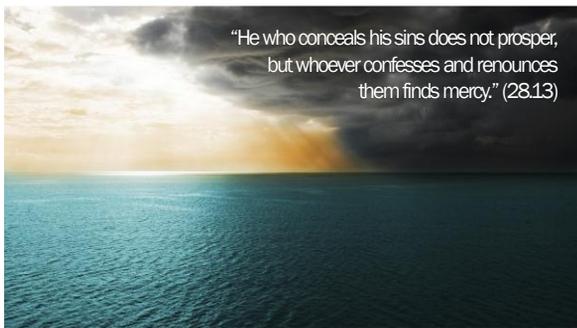
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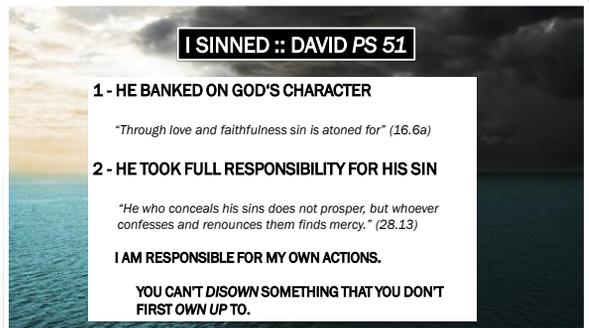
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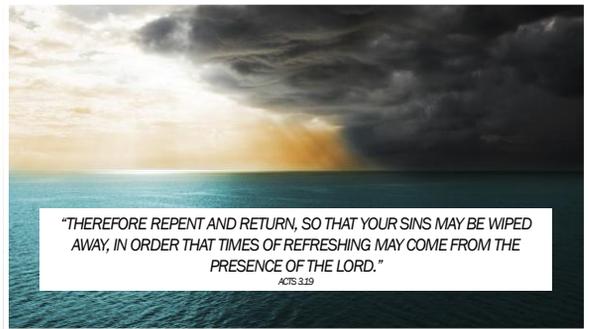
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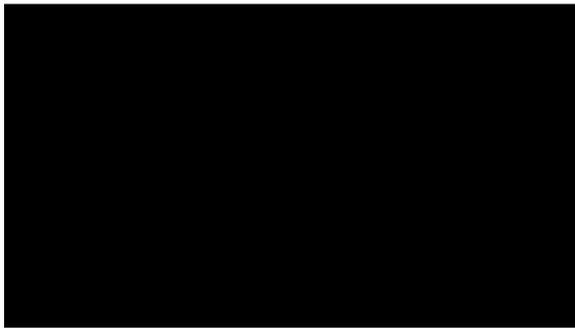
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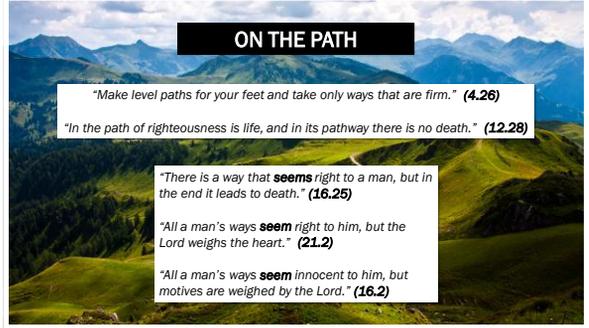
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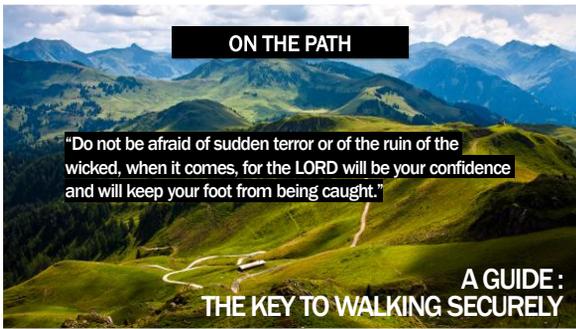


ON THE PATH

"Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm." (4.26)
"In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death." (12.28)

"There is a way that **seems** right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (16.25)
"All a man's ways **seem** right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart." (21.2)
"All a man's ways **seem** innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord." (16.2)

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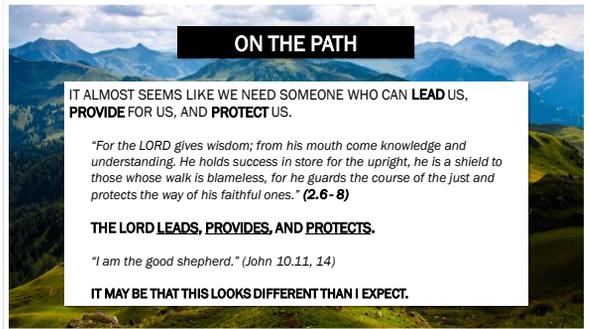


ON THE PATH

"Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught."

**A GUIDE :
THE KEY TO WALKING SECURELY**

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ON THE PATH

IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE WE NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN **LEAD US, PROVIDE FOR US, AND PROTECT US.**

"For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." (2.6-8)

THE LORD LEADS, PROVIDES, AND PROTECTS.

"I am the good shepherd." (John 10.11, 14)

IT MAY BE THAT THIS LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN I EXPECT.

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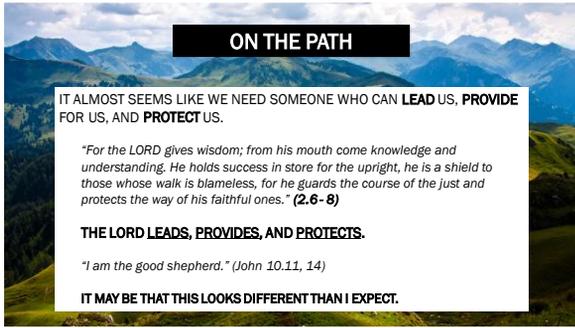
GREEN PASTURES

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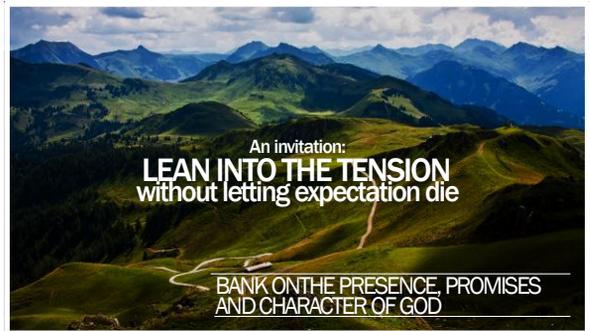
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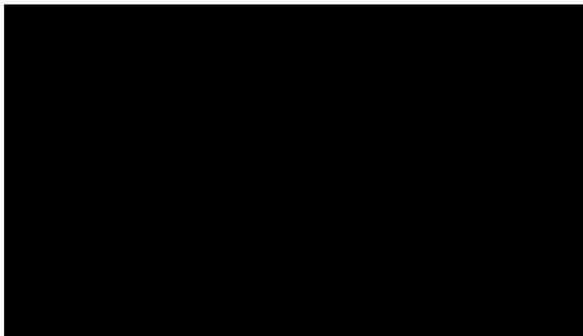
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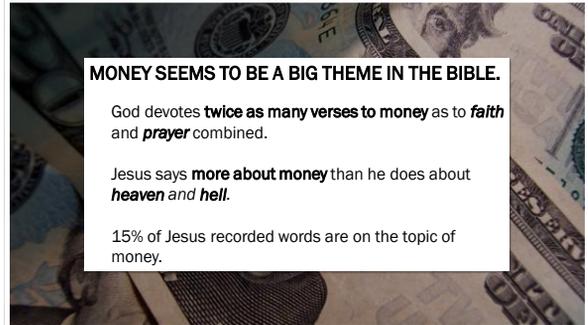
PICTURE :: THE DANGER AND SENSELESSNESS OF GREED.

GREED IS THE BELIEF THAT MY RESOURCES ARE ALL ABOUT ME AND ARE FOR MY CONSUMPTION.

A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched. (28.25)

SATISFACTION AND ENRICHMENT ARE GOING TO COME FROM GOD – NOT FROM MONEY.

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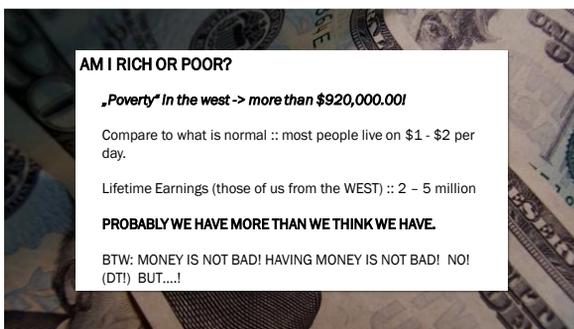
MONEY SEEMS TO BE A BIG THEME IN THE BIBLE.

God devotes **twice as many verses to money** as to **faith** and **prayer** combined.

Jesus says **more about money** than he does about **heaven and hell**.

15% of Jesus recorded words are on the topic of money.

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AM I RICH OR POOR?

„Poverty“ In the west -> more than \$920,000.00!

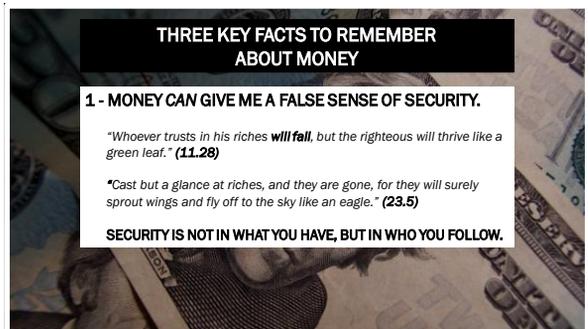
Compare to what is normal :: most people live on \$1 - \$2 per day.

Lifetime Earnings (those of us from the WEST) :: 2 - 5 million

PROBABLY WE HAVE MORE THAN WE THINK WE HAVE.

BTW: MONEY IS NOT BAD! HAVING MONEY IS NOT BAD! NO! (DT!) BUT...!

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THREE KEY FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT MONEY

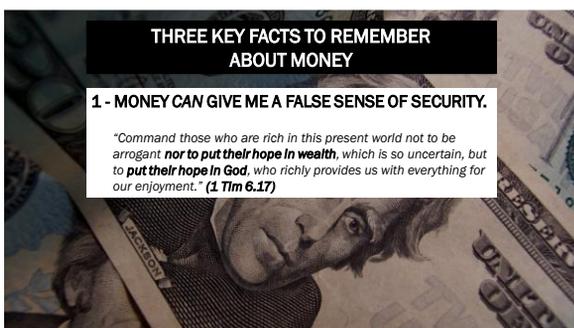
1 - MONEY CAN GIVE ME A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

*“Whoever trusts in his riches **will fall**, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.” (11.28)*

“Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.” (23.5)

SECURITY IS NOT IN WHAT YOU HAVE, BUT IN WHO YOU FOLLOW.

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THREE KEY FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT MONEY

1 - MONEY CAN GIVE ME A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

*“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant **nor to put their hope in wealth**, which is so uncertain, but to **put their hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” (1 Tim 6.17)*

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THREE USEFUL FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT MONEY

2 – FOCUSING ON TRYING TO GET LOTS OF MONEY WILL PROBABLY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR ME.

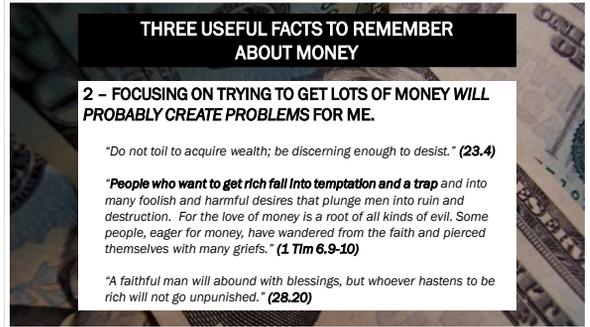
“Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.” (23.4)

*“People who want to **get rich fall into temptation and a trap** and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (1 Tim 6.9-10)*

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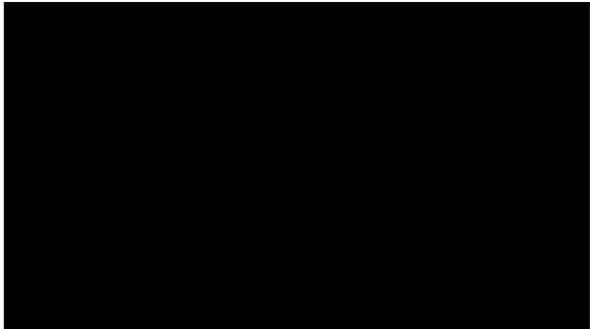
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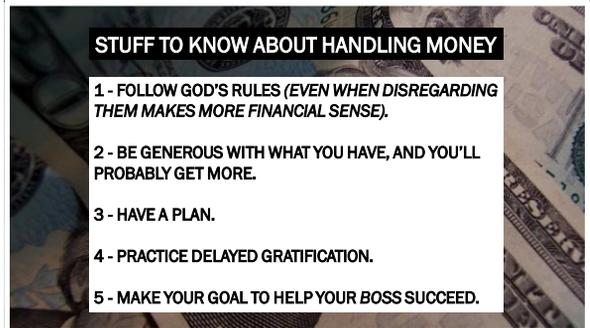
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STUFF TO KNOW ABOUT HANDLING MONEY

6 - BE CAREFUL OF DEBT AND BAD DEALS.

"Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you." (22.26)

DEBT IS POTENTIALLY A DANGEROUS TRAP!

DEBT CAN MAKE YOU A SLAVE.

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender." (22.7)

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STUFF TO KNOW ABOUT HANDLING MONEY

DON'T GO *IN* TO DEBT UNLESS YOU COULD SELL WHAT YOU BOUGHT TO GET *OUT* OF DEBT.

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BUY CLOTHES I OWE €150	SELL FOR €50 RESALE VALUE IS LESS THAN WHAT I OWE	I STILL OWE 100€!
BUY CAR 1 yr later I OWE €18,000	SELL FOR €10,000 RESALE VALUE IS LESS THAN WHAT I OWE	I STILL OWE 8000€!
BUY HOUSE 10 yrs later I OWE €150,000	SELL FOR >= €150,000 ? RESALE VALUE IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO WHAT I OWE	I OWE NOTHING AND AM FREE!!

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STUFF TO KNOW ABOUT HANDLING MONEY

6 - BE CAREFUL OF DEBT AND BAD DEALS.

"He who puts up security for another will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe." (11.15)

*"My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: **Go and humble yourself**, press your plea with your neighbor!*

*Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. **Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.**" (6.1-5)*

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STUFF TO KNOW ABOUT HANDLING MONEY

7 - HONOR GOD WITH WHAT WE HAVE.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops" (3.9)

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, "How do we rob you?" "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me.

*Bring the **whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house..." (Malachi 3.8-10a)*

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7 - HONOR GOD WITH WHAT WE HAVE.

*"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; **then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.**" (3.9-10)*

***** I DON'T NEED TO FEAR GIVING + GENEROSITY!!!!**

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**" says the LORD Almighty, **"and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.**" (Malachi 3.10)*

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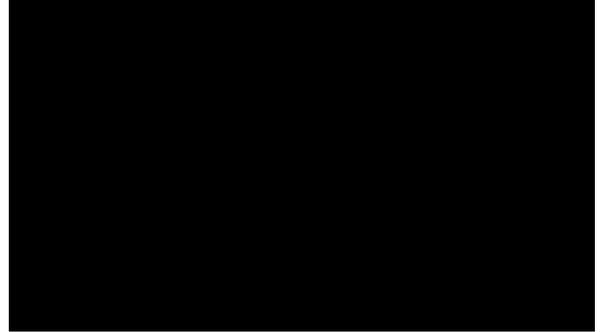
SERVE GOD, NOT MONEY.

**WORK
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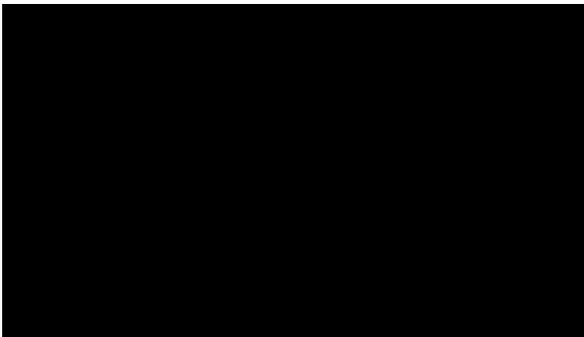
faith training
Let money work for you
be generous
have a grateful heart!

...and don't spend money you don't have
to buy what you don't need!

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PROVERBS
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THE PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

SHE IS TRUSTWORTHY.

SHE BRINGS HER HUSBAND GOOD, NOT HARM.

SHE WORKS HARD TO TAKE CARE OF HER FAMILY.

SHE IS OPEN AND HOSPITABLE.

SHE SPEAKS WISDOM.

ABOVE ALL, SHE FEARS THE LORD.

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PROVERBS 31 WOMAN :: FOR MEN

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." (31.30)

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." (Eph 5.5)

*"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, **so that nothing will hinder your prayers.**" (1 Peter 3.7)*

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WHY IS IT SO HARD TO LIVE RIGHTLY?

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"
Mat 19:16

IS IT WORTH IT?

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WHY IS IT SO HARD TO LIVE RIGHTLY?

"By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil."

(16.6)

AMEN! JESUS IS BETTER!

A man turns from evil when he believes that Jesus is better!

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WHY IS IT SO HARD TO LIVE RIGHTLY?

I have a belief problem! A person turns from evil automatically if they believe Jesus is better.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT IT?

"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."
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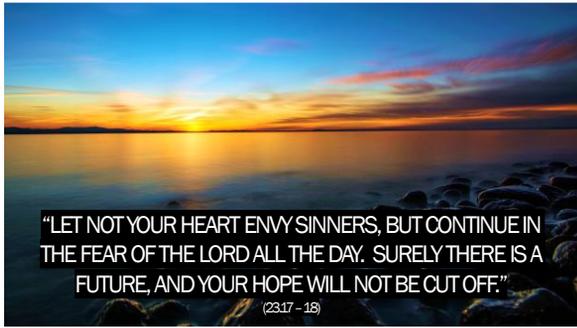
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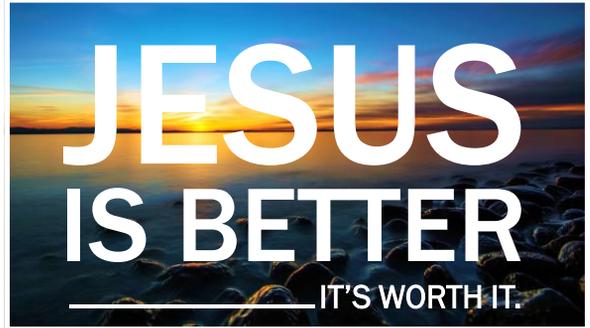
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