

Series: Wisdomology 101

Message Title: Order (part 2)

Message & Scripture Highlights:

Have a few people read the following scriptures:

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

Luke 6:47-48

For everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words [in order to heed their teaching] and does them, I will show you what he is like:

⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the torrent broke against that house and could not shake *or* move it, because it had been securely built *or founded on a rock*.

Proverbs 24:3-4

Through [skillful and godly] wisdom a house [a life, a home, a family] is built, And by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation],

⁴ And by knowledge, its rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Discussion Part 1:

Storms are a zero-threat to a life built on the Rock. First, ask the group, “Do you find yourself threatened, stressed, upset by the storms of life?” Be honest, but do not allow condemnation into the conversation, if you feel unsafe in stormy times. Secondly, is it possible to shift more of your life onto the unshakeable foundation of Wisdom? Is there potential for your life to have more understanding of God’s Word/Wisdom? What changes do you believe might occur with these advances?

S.Marshall thoughts:

God has given us His order of wisdom first, then understanding, and finally fill the plan with unfailing knowledge. I’ve used this order over and over. It always works. Proverbs 24 has given quick discernment to identify a breach in order in situations. A common mistake is to put knowledge, the filling, first. Once you learn the “one, two, three” order it becomes obvious when best intentions sin against the sequence.

Have someone read:

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.

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The steps of a [good] man are directed *and* established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].

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Discussion Part 2:

God is all about order and plans. Remember how God used order so meticulously throughout the six days of creation. If God wants to busy Himself with your every step, the question is, is He? AND if not, why isn't He? How do you first get your steps directed by Him? (Hint: Wisdom)

Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

In Genesis 1 you get a close up view of God using Wisdom to work order for outcome. Consider this: God made mankind in His image, the object of His love and affection, and yet He devoted Himself to making everything else from day one through five. It wasn't until day six that God created you and me. From the beginning of time, Wisdom has always showed up prepared. God purposed Wisdom to work for you and not against you.

Life Application:

Let's build a 'Dream-staircase' for your life. Using your best artistic talent draw a staircase from the bottom left corner of a blank page up toward the right top corner. Try to get at least seven steps. On the top step, label your landing - the place of manifestation. This is your dream so label it. Now begin labeling each step from the lowest to the top step. A step could be "professional counsel", or "take a course", or "pursue wise advise". This will require prayer and probably the input of a mentor, a life coach, a spiritual investor. Thank God you love wisdom and are in the pursuit of "Get wisdom, and with all your getting ...".

Now Pray The Word:

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

"Father God Your Wisdom is still the principal thing. Help us get it! Instill in us the revelation of Your order. Reveal the label for each step on the staircase to our answered prayers. Help our obedience to always be building on the Rock, Christ Jesus." (Continue to pray specifically for one another's needs ...)