

## Solomon's Key to Youth Becoming Overcomers

### Wisdom Literature:

- We \_\_\_\_\_ from the Old Testament (1 Cor 10:1-13).
- Proverbs was written by Solomon to give insight and discretion into the various pressures of living life for God's glory (1:1-9). As does other wisdom literature, this book provides clear choices for the reader. There are \_\_\_\_\_ paths of life: the way of the wise and the way of the fool.
- A proverb is a short saying often containing a simile or metaphor where the meaning produces a clear picture in the mind of the reader where wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ expressed to be used in daily life.
- In Proverbs 1-9, it contains appeals for a son to \_\_\_\_\_ to the dad's instruction. Solomon highlights the necessity of transferring truth from one generation to the next with tender love.
- Solomon shares with his son Rehoboam what he \_\_\_\_\_ at the feet of his dad, David. The challenge is for us to consider how this applies to us today as well.

### 1. The foundation of wisdom - the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Proverbs 1:7)

- Fear of God means \_\_\_\_\_ awe  
"A profound sense of awe toward God is undoubtedly the dominant element in the attitude or set of emotions that the Bible calls 'the fear of God.'" – Jerry Bridges
- For the Christian, the fear of God is \_\_\_\_\_.  
John Murray: "The fear of God in which godliness consists is the fear which constrains adoration and love. It is the fear which consists in awe, reverence, honor, and worship, and all of these on the highest level of exercise. It is the reflex in our consciousness of the transcendent majesty and holiness of God."

- The opposite of the fear of God is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Proverbs 29:25
  - Typical to your sin nature: \_\_\_\_\_ Fear of God  
(Romans 3:18; Genesis 20:10-11; Exodus 5:2; 9:30)
- Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ for developing the fear of God (Prov 2:1-5)
  - Notice the son's \_\_\_\_\_ toward God's Word (vv. 1-2)
  - Notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of searching for wisdom (vv. 3-5)

**2. The wise son is to live by the \_\_\_\_\_ and religious standards of wise people (Proverbs 3:1-12).**

- These instructions vary in length and are in pairs. Each pair urges the learner to act or refrain from acting in a certain way. There is also a motivation attached to every instruction which states the consequences (rewards) that living wisely or foolishly will bring.
- The instructions warn, give advice, and correct where necessary. They do not seek to develop the learner intellectually but rather aim to teach practical \_\_\_\_\_ to biblical wisdom.

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for personal growth and discipleship (Proverbs 4:20-27)**

- Passionately \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom and enjoy its benefits through the Word of God (vv. 20-22).
  - Focus in every way on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wise.
  - The benefit of \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and following it.
- The heart must be \_\_\_\_\_ and understood (v. 23).
  - The heart must be guarded above \_\_\_\_\_ guarding.
  - The heart is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

- The heart has \_\_\_\_\_ control of your behavior or conduct (vv. 24-27).
  - The mouth and lips must shun using \_\_\_\_\_ words (v. 24).
  - The eyes are to stay fixed on right \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21, 25).
  - The feet are to stay in the right \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26).
  - Make your \_\_\_\_\_ to stay on the right path! (v. 27)

**Observations about Solomon's Key to Youth Becoming an Overcomer**

1. Your Foundation: Remain \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word
  - The priority is giving attention. To what do you give attention to in an average day, week, month, year, or season?
  - How do you incline your ear?
  - Where do you look?
  - What do you remember? What do you rehearse?
  - What do you say to yourself regularly?
  - Are there benefits you are missing because the Word of God is not functioning as the foundation of your life?
2. Your Inner Man: Keep or Guard Your Heart above \_\_\_\_\_ guarding
  - Your heart is the well-spring of life. Everything comes out of your heart.
  - Remember what Jesus said in Luke 6:45?
  - Your attitude, emotions, and behavior flow out of the desires that war for control in your heart (i.e., James 1:13-18; 4:1-10).
  - What you want, long for, and/or love determines how you respond to your circumstances.
3. Your Outer Man: Examine Your \_\_\_\_\_ Lifestyle
  - Solomon refers to your lips, eyes, and feet as they relate to your behavior.
  - Remember the children's song, "Oh be careful little mouth what you say... little eyes what you see... little feet where you go?"
  - What comes out of your mouth?
  - Where do you look?
  - Where do you go? What do you do?
  - Do you stay on the middle way of faith or do you turn to the right or the left?

4. Consider this case study of Youth Becoming Overcomers  
Psalm 119 and Daniel's life