

## **This is Wisdom** Proverbs 3:1–12

Do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you.

Trust in the LORD w/ all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

- **Principle 4**-Be not wise in your own eyes.

Fear the LORD AND turn away from evil.

Honor the LORD with your wealth.

Do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof.

<sup>7</sup> **Be not wise in your own eyes;** fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

**What is one of life's greatest lessons?** Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself

Rethink what is possible. Boss gives you a self-evaluation.

If you think you are \_\_\_\_\_ you have measured yourself with the wrong ruler!

**Everyone thinks they are above average** FEBRUARY 7, 2013  
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On a scale of one to 10, you probably think you're a seven. And you wouldn't be alone.

People think they are better than most people in many arenas, from charitable behavior to work performance.

The phenomenon, known as illusory superiority, is so stubbornly persistent that psychologists would be surprised if it didn't show up in their studies.

Since psychological studies first began, people have given themselves top marks for most positive traits. While most people do well at assessing others, they are wildly positive about their own abilities.

In a classic 1977 study, 94 percent of professors rated themselves above average relative to their peers.

Drivers consistently rate themselves as better than average -- even when a test of their hazard perception reveals them to be below par.

But in a strange twist, **the most incompetent are also the most likely to overestimate their skills**, while the ace performers are more likely to underrate themselves.

"North Americans seem to be the kings and queens of overestimation. If you go to places like Japan, Korea or China, this whole phenomenon evaporates,"

That is possibly because Eastern cultures value self-improvement, while Western culture tends to value self-esteem, he said.

And since people are generally pretty accurate in assessing other people (just not themselves), people should be aggressive about getting -- and taking to heart -- constructive criticism from others, he said.

"The road to self-insight runs through other people," he said.

### **Who are you listening to?**

Proverbs 28:26     Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

If you are not \_\_\_\_\_ upon the scriptures, you are trusting your own mind.

Do you look to advisers? Wisdom is not how smart you are, it is how much you are willing to learn and a willingness to not have it your way? Wisdom is the willingness to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 15:32 Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

Trusting in your own mind is literally the \_\_\_\_\_. Most all humanity trusts in their own goodness to make them acceptable to God. They trust in their own understanding of what is right and wrong. Whoever trust in his own mind is a fool!

The proper way is to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Are you willing to receive correction?**

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 13:10 By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. Insolence-rude behavior that does not show respect, Cambridge Dictionary.

### **Are you your brothers keeper?/Have you succumb to political correct speak?**

Proverbs 27:5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Proverbs 28:23 Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more \_\_\_\_\_ than he who flatters with his tongue.

Leviticus 19:17 <sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

“They were to frankly rebuke a neighbor who sinned so that they would not be counted guilty of his transgression. <sup>1</sup> Smith, J. E. (1993). *The Pentateuch* (2nd ed., p. 386). Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co.”

### **How bad is it to be wise in your own eyes?**

Proverbs 26:6–12

- <sup>6</sup> Whoever sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.
- <sup>7</sup> Like a lame man’s legs, which hang useless, is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- <sup>8</sup> Like one who binds the stone in the sling is one who gives honor to a fool.
- <sup>9</sup> Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- <sup>10</sup> Like an archer who wounds everyone is one who hires a passing fool or drunkard.

- <sup>11</sup> Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.
- <sup>12</sup> Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

### **How can prayer help?**

Prayer will \_\_\_\_\_ if you are wise in your own eyes. Take the example of the Lord's prayer, his kingdom, his will, etc. verses you telling God what you need, what you want, what he should bless. Are you really that smart?

Prayer shows \_\_\_\_\_. Think of all the biblical examples of prayer and how the one praying was in great need. When one's prayer life isn't fervent, we think too much of our ability to handle life. We are too wise in our own eyes; we have no great need for God to intervene.

### **Be not wise in your own eyes**

- 1. Do not over-estimate your abilities**
- 2. Listen to scripture**
- 3. Receive correction**
- 4. Give correction (out of love)**
- 5. Remember how bad it is to be wise in your own eyes**
- 6. Let prayer reveal who you are trusting in**

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. **Never be wise in your own sight.** (conceited)