For This Is Your

he fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom . . .

Prov. 9:1

VISDOM And Your UNDERSTANDING

Deuteronomy 4:1-10

Deuteronomy 4:1-10 (NKJV)

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:1-10 (NKJV)

³ Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God *are* alive today, every one of you. 5 Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.

Deuteronomy 4:1-10 (NKJV)

⁶Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?

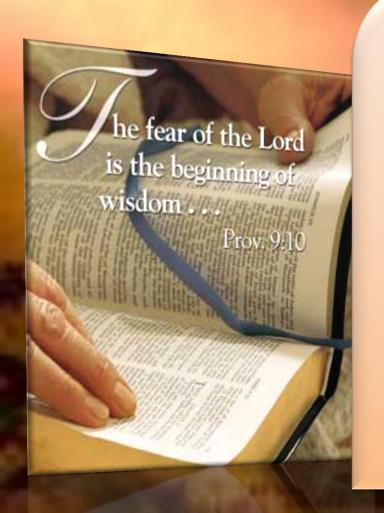
Deuteronomy 4:1-10 (NKJV)

⁸ And what great nation *is there* that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? 9"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

Deuteronomy 4:1-10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

The Statutes And Judgments Of God



- **LISTEN & OBSERVE** − Revealed through Jesus − 1,3-5,9; Mat 17:5; Acts 7:37; Heb. 1:1; 2 Tim. 3:16,17
- ◆ Do Not Add or Take Away 2, Prov. 30:6; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev 22:18,19
- **◆ Take Care To Observe** 6,9; Ps. 119:97-104; Eph. 5:15-21; Heb 12:15
- ★ Learn To Fear God 10; 5:29;
 Ps. 2:11; 89:7; Eccl. 12:13; Heb 12:28;
 1 Pet. 1:17

The Path To Wisdom

Proverbs 2:1-4

- FEAR THE LORD Prov. 1:7,29; 9:10; Job 28:28; Ps. 111:10
- ◆ Receive God's Words Prov. 2:1; 1:3; John 12:47,48
- **◆Treasure God's Commands** Prov. 2:1; Job 23:12; Mat. 13:44
- ◆ Incline Your Ear Prov. 2:2; Ps. 119:112; Mat. 13:9,15
- **♦ APPLY YOUR HEARTS** Prov. 2:2; 23:12; Acts 17:11
- → HUNGER & DESIRE Prov. 2:3; Ps. 119:34,73,125; 1 Kings 3:9-12; Mat. 5:6; James 1:1-5
- → Seek & Search Prov. 2:3,4; 3:14,15; 8:17-19; 16:16; 23:23; Mat. 7:7-10; 16:19-21

The Need For Wisdom

Proverbs 2:4-22

- → To Understand The Fear of The LORD 4
- ◆To Possess Knowledge of God 5,6
- → Protection 7
- → Preservation 8-11
- →DELIVERANCE 12-22

The Character of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:1-12

- **♦LOYALTY** − 3:1,2
- →Love & Integrity Prov. 3:3,4
- **◆FAITH** Prov. 3:5,6
- → HUMILITY Prov. 3:7,8
- → Selflessness Prov. 3:9,10
- → Meekness Prov. 3:11,12

The Fruit of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-18

- ♦ Happiness 3:13
- →True Wealth Prov. 3:14,15
- → Length of Days Prov. 3:16
- → Pleasantness Prov. 3:17
- **◆ PEACE** Prov. 3:17
- **★Life** Prov. 3:18

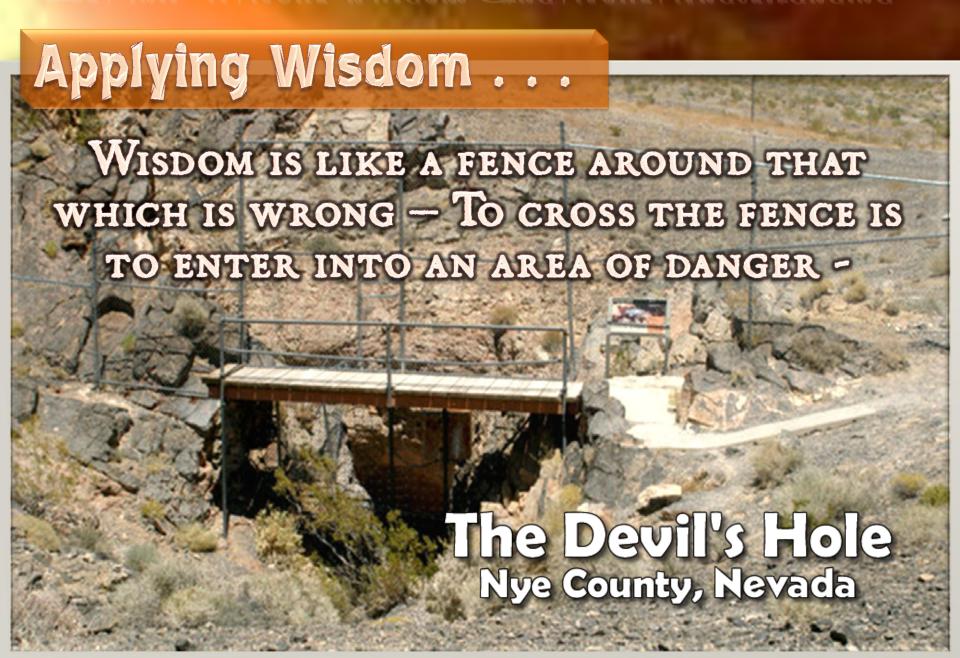
The Fruit of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:21-26 (NKJV)

²¹ My son, let them not depart from your eyes--Keep sound wisdom and discretion; ²² So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck. ²³ Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble. ²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. ²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; ²⁶ For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

The Fruit of Wisdom

- → Seeks Knowledge & Understanding Pro 1:5; 8:33
- **◆Learns From Others** Prov. 6:6; 12:15; 13:1,20; Lk 2:46
- → Receives Rebuke Prov. 9:8,9
- → Prepares Ahead Prov. 10:5
- → Receives Instruction Prov. 10:8; Ps. 119:34
- → Cautious in Speech Prov. 10:19; 15:2
- → Says & Does Things Beneficial Prov. 12:18; 13:14; 14:3
- → DEPARTS FROM EVIL Prov. 14:16; 22:3
- → Seeks To Win Souls Prov. 11:30





Applying Wisdom . . .

Temptation

- → The Wise Take Preventative Measures —2 Pet. 3:17,18; Job 31:1
- → The Wise Distance Themselves & Are Careful Eph. 5:1-16
- **◆THE WISE WATCH -**Mat 25:2; 26:41;
- ◆The Wise Choose Godly Friends 1 Cor. 15:33; 5:6
- → THE WISE ESCAPE 1 Cor. 10:13;

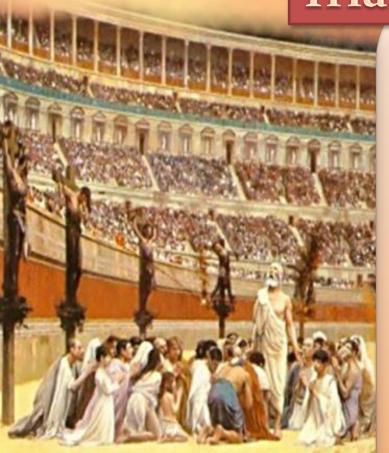
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Discernment

- *"Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is Eph. 5:17; Col. 1:9
- →The wise grow & apply what they learn Heb. 5:12-14
- → Weighs all the evidence Prov 18:13
- → Prevents extremes Eccl. 7:16-18

Applying Wisdom . . .

Trials of Life



- → Build our lives upon the **DOCTRINE OF CHRIST** Mat. 7:21-27
- ★ MUST ASK IN FAITH (Seek knowledge, faith & patience) James 1:1-12
- ★Knowing & Trusting
 THAT GOD IS ON OUR SIDE —
 Romans 8:28-39; Heb 13:5,6

Applying Wisdom . . .



→ Follow Scripture— Col. 3:18-

4:1; Eph. 5:22-6:9; 1 Pet 2:13-3:12

- **◆ Godly Attitudes** Phili 2:1-5; Col. 3:12-17;
- **↑ TACT** (ABIGAIL & NABAL) 1 Sam. 25:2-39; Col. 4:6
- **◆ Congregational Problems** James 3:13-4:12

James 3:13-4:12

Two Kinds of Wisdom — Two Kinds of Fruit

Wisdom that is earthly, sensual, demonic

envy, self-seeking, confusion,

EVERY EVIL THING

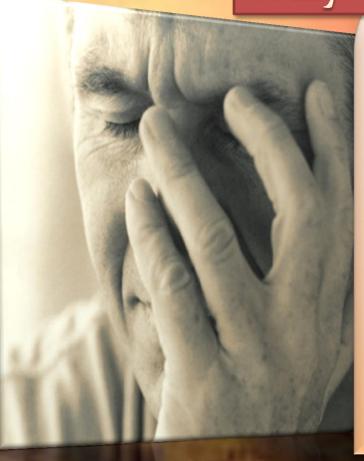
Wisdom That Is From Above

pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, merciful, good fruits, impartiality, not hypocritical

PEACE

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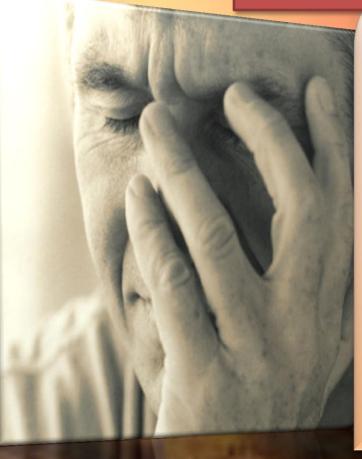
Why We Wind Up In Trouble



- ◆ Because we fail to "hear" and "observe" God's word -
- → Because we fail to LOOK down the "road of consequences!"
- ◆ Because we know of the possible consequences – but we believe that we are EXEMPT!!
- ◆ Because of PRIDE & Selfishness

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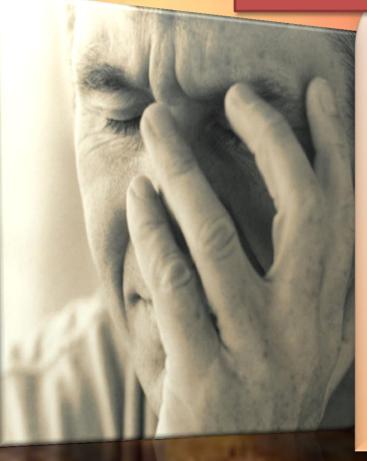
How Will We Respond?



- ★ Every decision we make impacts our lives in some way!
- ◆ONE UNWISE decision could negatively impact your future - FOREVER!!
- ◆ONE WISE decision could positively impact your future FOREVER!!

Applying Wisdom . . .

How Will We Respond?



- ARE YOU WISE OR ARE YOU FOOLISH?
- ◆ Your response to God's word will indicate the truth Prov. 2,3; Eccl 12:13; Mat 7:21-27; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:19-24; 1 John 1:9!!

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