

Hindrances to Wisdom

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Proverbs 9:10.

B. Good comes to harvest with much perseverance and evil comes to harvest on its own. (Galatians 6:7-8, 1 John 5:15-16, Matthew 6:33)

C. We are to not let the sun set on our anger because of what it does to us - get rid of your problems. (Matthew 6, Hebrews 12)

D. Start today for the fruit you will bear tomorrow.

II. Hindrances to wisdom. (Luke 9:62, 14:26-27, 14:45, 9:23, 1 Chronicles 12:33, 1 Kings 10:5, 2:3, 1 Corinthians 2:14)

A. Girls (Purity - the flesh).

1. This snares many good men - you do not fall into sin, you go into it with eyes wide open. (John 12:11)

2. You have to watch your heart with all diligence. (Proverbs 4:23)

3. Love is a choice or way, not something you fall into. (1 Corinthians 12, John 13:35, Proverbs 4:25-26, Job 31:1)

4. You can control your lust. (1 Corinthians 14:32, 1 Timothy 5:1-2)

5. There is a code of ethics we are to live by with the opposite sex and a way out of fornication. (1 Corinthians 7, Genesis 2:24, 18:22)

1. The Bible does not teach to go out looking for a wife.

2. A prudent wife is from the Lord. (Proverbs 19:14)

3. Our function is to walk in victory and purity before the Lord and the right person will come along.

4. Being a lover is being considerate. (1 Timothy 3:22, 1 Peter 2:11, Deuteronomy 4:9)

6. Be diligent because doubts come in the mind. (Exodus 20:17)

7. Love by being kind and patient. (1 Corinthians 13, Proverbs 19:13)

8. Choose not to doubt. (Romans 13:11-14)

B. Gold (Possession).

1. Learning to handle our finances is choosing the right master. (Matthew 6:19-20, 6:24, 6:33, 1 Timothy 6:7)
2. We brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out.
3. The love of money is the root of evil - money takes possession of people. (1 Corinthians 6:10)

C. Glory (Pride).

1. There are no humble people because the Scripture teaches us to humble ourselves by doing humble acts. There are only humble acts. (1 Corinthians 10:17-18, 1:31, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Proverbs 29:13, 15:33, 1 Peter 5:6)
2. Fight pride by exposing yourself to reproof and correction. (Proverbs 9:8-9, 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:11-12, 1 Corinthians 10:13)

Application questions

1. What is a balanced perspective on dealing with lust? What is the appropriate response according to Scripture?

2. Is money evil in itself? Explain using Scripture for support.

3. Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13 and write it below. How does this help us in dealing with the sin of pride?
