

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery  
Servers - Josh Berryhill  
Bradley Box  
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: David Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper Linda Lawrence

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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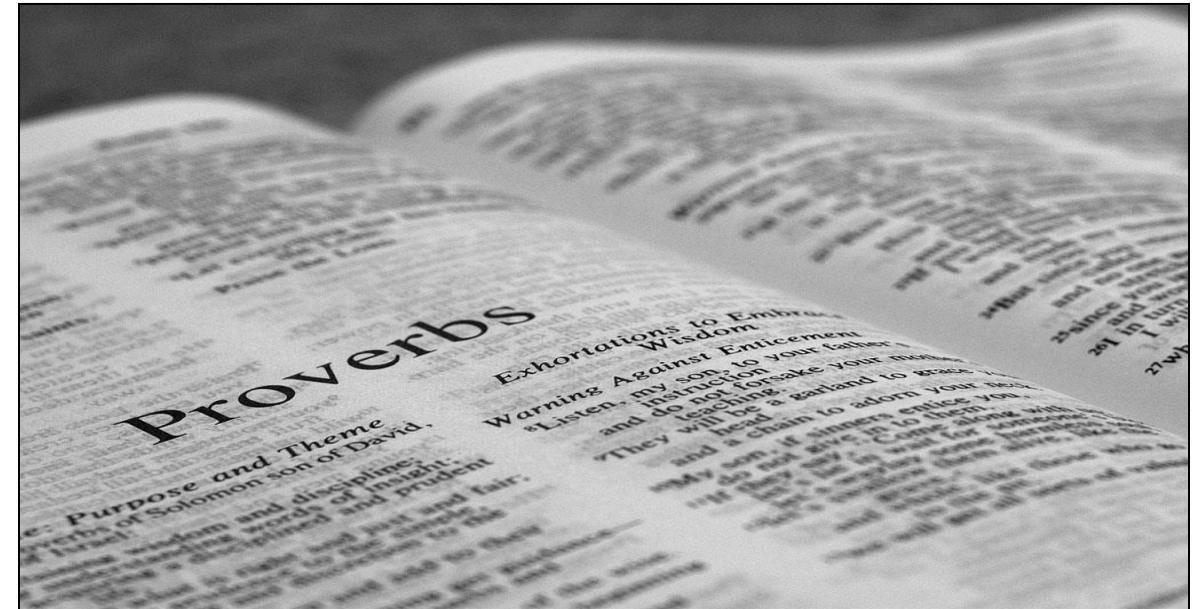
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# A Mother's Advice



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**The Cry of Wisdom** (Proverbs 8)

By Sam Willcut

Many understand that wisdom often incorporates knowledge and experience. Since the acquisition of knowledge takes time, and experience underscores time, then older adults often gain wisdom that our youth do not have as of yet. The Bible emphasizes that youth need to heed the wisdom from those who are older and more mature (1 Kings 12:1-15). This is why the book of Proverbs begins with instructions from a father to a son (Prov. 1-10) and ends with the virtue of a mother (Prov. 31). In other words, our youth need to listen more to the wisdom of their parents! Yet, it seems to this author that our current generations need this lesson more than ever. What is the relationship between wisdom and youth? Let us seek to answer this question by noting some things in Proverbs 8.

First, we see the open cry of wisdom (8:1-4). The fact that she cries and puts forth her voice indicates the openness of wisdom. Solomon then points out the variety of places where one may find her—high places, paths, gates and doors—illustrating that one may find wisdom everywhere! Therefore, our youth need to have their eyes wide open to the situations around them and be able to recall instruction from their parents and other wise adults to detect her open call. Usually, all it takes is the willingness to listen (1:5-6; 2:1-5). Thus, youth have no excuse when it comes to acquiring wisdom—her open call renders their excuse, “Oh, but this is just the way that I am!” useless!

Second, we see the upright cry of wisdom (8:5-9). Wisdom does not hide behind falsehood, but is always honest and righteous. Youth often face temptation from their peers and friends to join them in dishonest ventures (1:10-19), but youth need to learn the cautious wisdom from those who are older and wiser—“Evil companionships corrupt good morals” (1 Cor. 15:33, ASV).

Third, we see the valuable cry of wisdom (8:10- 11). As Solomon would often reiterate, wisdom is more valuable than silver, gold or any precious jewel (3:15; 16:16). Therefore, Solomon is able to place the acquisition of true wisdom as the principal object to gain in life (4:5-7).

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

April Tidwell Dawson: she has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer; please be praying that this cancer will be defeated with successful treatments

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: is recovering from a recent stroke, please be praying that there will be no long term complications or any further problems

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Please continue to keep the family of Ruth Addison in your prayers, she will be dearly missed

Myra Miles: recent Bone Marrow Biopsy was good , please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Sandy Markham: is recovering from knee surgery, please pray that she makes a complete recovery

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this caner

Billy Lee Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Kristen Eddy: she is recovering from knee surgery, please pray that she will have a successful recovery

Hagen Dickinson: he is recovering from jaw surgery, please pray that it heals properly and that he has no complications

Vertie York: she will be having a test done this week, let us be praying that nothing serious will be found

Fourth, we see the uncompromising cry of wisdom (8:12-13). When it comes to the cry of wisdom, there can be no compromising between good and evil! “The fear of the Lord,” which is “the beginning of wisdom” (1:7; 15:33), dictates that I must hate and oppose all forms of evil. Youth need to learn this lesson early, as they will be tempted often with that which is ungodly.

Fifth, we see the strong cry of wisdom (8:14-16). Wisdom is not weak; doing that which is right is always strong! Youth may confuse that which looks weak in the worldly eyes to be such, but wisdom understands that godly strength is always strong, no matter how it appears in the public eye!

Finally, we see the blessed cry of wisdom (8:17- 36). This chapter of wisdom closes with various statements made as to the by-product of wisdom, or the effect in the life of one who acquires wisdom. Parents need to model this wisdom so that youth can see such and learn by it.

Therefore, the relationship of youth and wisdom can be gleaned from this cry of wisdom—it is open, upright, valuable, uncompromising, strong, and blessed. No wonder this book of wisdom stresses the importance of the attitude that youth have towards their parents. One of the most basic and fundamental lessons of life for young people is to learn to develop the right attitude towards their parents, because parents are to teach and model these cries of wisdom in the home. Godly parents will develop a right relationship with God, and form this within the life of their children. How our youth respond to their parents (and other wise adults) will determine how they develop in their own lives as adults, and whether they glean from wisdom early in their lives. Usually, selfish children become selfish adults and do not prosper from wisdom. A child who thinks that everything belongs to them will develop into an unhappy adult. A child who chooses bad relationships hinders their acquisition to wisdom. Unless youth hear the cry of wisdom early in their lifetime, they could forget about God when they leave home (cf. Eccl. 12:1).

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**I Sometimes Forget!**

By Rodney Nulph

Have you ever gone into a room searching for something, but when you got there, you forgot for what you were searching? I suppose we all have done that. Often, forgetfulness occurs more frequently as a person ages. In fact, some deal with severe memory loss in their sunset years. While some forgetfulness is inevitable, sometimes amid life's daily challenges, I forget some things that I really need to remember!

Firstly, sometimes I forget my perspective. One thing I have really learned, especially during the last year, is how quickly a correct perspective can become obscured. Occasionally, I find myself getting twisted and tangled with the problems of the world, so much so, that I forget what my perspective should be. By perspective, I simply mean my outlook, my focus – what is truly important. No matter what the world around me is doing or becoming, I must not forget, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). My outlook, no matter what my surroundings are, is to be focused on God and His glory. When I allow the world and all of its problems to become my perspective, I can never ‘let the peace of God rule in my heart’ (Colossians 3:15). I can never be at peace with those around me (Romans 12:18), and I can certainly never rejoice as I need to (Philippians 4:4) as long as my perspective is wrested away from a focus on God. Our perspective must remain right if we are to remain right. Do not forget your perspective!

Secondly, sometimes I forget my passion. Sometimes, I allow myself to get so caught up in trying to fix all of the political and social ills our nation faces that I forget as a Christian I have a different passion than those with whom I associate in the world. As a child of the King, my passion must be for sharing His message and His love with everyone I meet. It is so easy to forget that political candidates, hot button issues, pandemics and everything else that the devil is currently using to divide us are not what my life is all about. My passion must be to light this dark world as well as to flavor and to preserve it with salt (Matthew 5:13-16). While Timothy was faced with all kinds of evil problems in his world, Paul reminded him what his passion needed to be: “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:16). I simply cannot forget that my passion is not to argue and fight over trivial matters of this world, but to be patient, humble and kindly teach all men (2 Timothy 2:24-26). Dear friend, do not forget your passion!

Thirdly, sometimes I forget my power. I know it sounds silly, but sometimes I try to go it alone in this world. I sometimes rely way too much on myself and far too less on Jesus. I am ashamed about that, but sometimes I forget that in and of myself I am simply not good enough, righteous enough or strong enough to make it on my own. What I need to remember is that the only way I can be successful in this life and to advance to my heavenly home is to “...do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). My forgetfulness often puts me in the same boat as the Sadducees of Jesus' day when our Lord said, “...you do not know the power of God” (Matthew 22:29). Jesus my Lord sustains everything by His power (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16). While I intellectually know that God is so powerful that He can accomplish more than I could ask or even think (Ephesians 3:20), I sometimes forget it! I need God, daily and hourly. Even one second without Him would spell doom! May we never forget that!

Truth be told, sometimes I forget! I am certain that as I age, my forgetfulness may even increase. Many things may be forgotten, but my daily prayer and meditation must be to remember my perspective, my passion and my power. Much of the day's anxieties and worries will quickly fade when our minds are refreshed with what really matters. Do not forget it!

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