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Course – Growing up spiritually

Session 8

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## SESSION 8 THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

### REVIEW OF THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

FOUNDATION 1 – Jesus

FOUNDATION 2 – Loving God AND your neighbor and yourself

FOUNDATION 3 – Knowing Father AND Son AND Holy Spirit

FOUNDATION 4 – The number of the Gospels

FOUNDATION 5 – The number of “Ministry Gifts to Men”

FOUNDATION 6 – The “Basic Doctrines Of Christ”

### FOUNDATION 7 – THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

(Continued from session 7)

Underlying our Christianity is the Wisdom of God found in the Old Testament. Nowhere is the Wisdom of God MORE CONCENTRATED than in the book of Proverbs.

#### PILLAR #4) THE TONGUE

(Right in the middle, holding up much of our life is the tongue - Proverbs teaches us how to USE it.)

Prov 18:21 (NIV) The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Prov 10:19-21 (NIV) When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. 21 The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.

Prov 12:18-19 (NIV) Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. 19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

Matt 12:34-37 (KJV) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

EVEN SALVATION is received through the use of the tongue:

Rom 10:9-10 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Go through Proverbs and HIGHLIGHT anything that says MOUTH or TONGUE or anything having to do with WORDS, then you will begin to understand how to STOP GETTING YOURSELF in TROUBLE with your tongue!

### **PILLAR #5) WORK / REST**

If you are working 7 days a week and not resting one day, you are OUT of God's will, and you WILL break down !!

Even God rested on the seventh day after He created all things - if God rested, who are YOU ?? The Apostle Paul brings some more light on the subject when he says. let no man judge you concerning Sabbath days .. in other words take A Sabbath day, but he doesn't nail down WHICH day:

Col 2:16-17 (NIV) Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or A SABBATH DAY. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

On the other side of the coin, there are those who don't work - to those folks God says:

II Th 3:10 (NIV) For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, HE SHALL NOT EAT."

Many students that came down to the Hunter's school of ministry while I was working there said, "God will supply my needs", yet they wouldn't get a job. The school was only from 9 a.m. to noon, so that students COULD work. Guess which students lasted the entire year?? Of course, the ones that OBEYED GOD and worked. The others dropped out by the first or second semester when the money ran out !!

### **PILLAR #6) TURN AWAY FROM SEXUAL SIN**

This is talked about MANY TIMES in Proverbs chapters 2 and chapters 5 - 7:

Prov 7:6-27 (NKJ) For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, 7 And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding, 8 Passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house 9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night. 10 And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. 11 She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home. 12 At times she was outside, at times in the

open square, Lurking at every corner. 13 So she caught him and kissed him; with an impudent face she said to him: 14 "I have peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows. 15 So I came out to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you. 16 I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with love. 19 For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; 20 He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day." 21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him. 22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, 23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would cost his life. 24 Now therefore, listen to me, my children; pay attention to the words of my mouth: 25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; 26 For she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. 27 Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.

### **PILLAR #7) KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**

John 14:15-16 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:23-24 (KJV) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

1 John 5:3 (KJV) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Eccl 12:13 (KJV) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

These 7 pillars of wisdom form the perfect Old Testament foundation for today's New Testament Christian!!