

Prayers for Wisdom

Praying the Psalms – Part 3

Life Church St. Louis – June 21, 2020

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James 1:5 (ESV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

1. Choose _____

Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:3-4 (ESV) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Psalm 1:5-6 (ESV) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

2. Avoid _____ living

Psalm 36:1, 3 (ESV) Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. ... The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

Psalm 36:7,9 (ESV) How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ... For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:10-11 (ESV) Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

3. Establish _____ homes

Psalm 127:1-2 (ESV) Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Psalm 127:3-4 (ESV) Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

Psalm 128:1, 3 (ESV) Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! ... Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Psalms 1, 36, 127-128).
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Prayers for Wisdom Study Guide

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Intro. How would you define wisdom? How is wisdom different from knowledge?

Intro. What is the most important area in your life that you need God's wisdom?

Intro. What wrong conceptions of wisdom does James 1:5 address?

Intro. What does it mean to “bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4)?

Intro. How is Proverbs 22:6 an important promise for parents in all phases of parenthood?

1A. In Psalm 1:1, what three levels of temptation can a godly person expect to encounter?

1B. How should a believer connect with God's Word every day (Psalm 1:2)?

1C. What fruit has God brought about in the different seasons of your life (Psalm 1:3)?

1D. How does the way of the wicked contrast with the way of the righteous (Psalm 1:4-6)?

2A. In what ways must we as believers be careful to avoid the temptations of wickedness (Psalm 36:1-3)?

2B. How is the love of God a refuge for His children (Psalm 36:7-9)?

2C. Why is arrogance such a danger to the believer (Psalm 36:10-11)?

2D. How can a believer overcome issues with the sin of anger?

3A. Describe the difference between the Lord building a home and a father trying to build a home on his own (Psalm 127:1-2).

3B. How is a Christian view of children different from the world's view (Psalm 127:3-4)?

3C. Why is the fear of the Lord the key to being blessed by God (Psalm 128:1-3)? How can you promote the fear of God in your family?