

Wisdom And Simplicity

Scripture: Romans 16:19

Introduction

The Bible has placed certain parameters about our lives for our protection. It is God's intent that we never venture outside those boundaries. Rather, God wants us to possess great wisdom concerning the things within those boundaries, but lack of knowledge concerning the things outside the boundaries.

I. Wise unto that which is good

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power Of his might.

- A. Know that God has provided your salvation
- B. Know that you fit into God's great plan and will
- C. Know that God has provided for your future

II. Simple (innocent) concerning evil (Experiential knowledge)

Jeremiah 10:2a Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen ..•.

- A. Don't possess worldly sophistication.
 1. If we shelter our children, how will they survive in the real world?
 - a. Does a deer expose the fawn to the wolf?
 - b. Does the rabbit expose its young to the fox?
 2. How will our children be able to make a choice if they don't know evil?
 - a. Their knowledge of evil must be from a scriptural vantage point
 - b. They must know scriptural precepts and be mature before they are exposed to evil
- B. Do not possess experiential knowledge of the works of the flesh

Galatians 6:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murder, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1. Parallel lists in:
 - a. Romans 1:29-31
 - b. 1 Timothy 3: 1- 5
2. Avoid the works of the flesh