

Blessed Be Thou Word Part III

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. ~ Psalms 37:4-5

Cleansed/Sanctified by the Word: When we have fallen into sin and need to be cleansed of our unrighteousness, the only way to do so is by applying the prescription that God gives us, and that is to take heed to the following verses;

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. ***Your word is truth.***

1st Peter 1:22-23 ***Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth*** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, ***through the word of God which lives and abides forever***

1st Timothy 4:5 for it is sanctified ***by the word of God*** and prayer.

The word is our weapon: Gods word is the only offensive weapon we have for our use in our battle with spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:17 ...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

As a result of the Above, we should possess the following attitude and mind set:

But first, we should take a look at the definition of wisdom because it is going to be a dominate theme in the subsequent verses. Since wisdom is the quality or state of being wise, it's wise for us to know what are the characteristics of being wise.

Wise; 1. having the power of discernment and judging properly as to what is true or right;

Diligent; constant and earnest in effort and application; attentive and persistent in doing something.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2nd Corinthians 11:3 (NASB)...I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

The following writings of Solomon located in the book of Proverbs should assist you in developing the proper attitude or way of thinking as it relates to our pursuits in life and the things that we treasure the most. Once we read and understand the following verses, there should be no doubt in your mind that the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge and understanding is the greatest pursuit in life.

Remember **Proverbs 8:8-9** All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them. **9 They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge**

Proverbs 1:2-7 (NASB) To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, o the young man knowledge and discretion 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To Understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 2:1-11 (NASB) My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, 2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; 3 For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; 4 ***If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures;*** 5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. 9 Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity and every good course. 10 For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; 11 Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you,

Proverbs 3:1-10,13-22 (NASB) My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; 2 For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you. 3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 ***So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man*** 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones. 9 ***Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.*** 13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding. 14 ***For her profit is better than the profit of silver And her gain better than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her.*** 16 Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways And all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast. 19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens. 20 By His knowledge the deeps were broken up And the skies drip with dew. 21 My son, let them not

vanish from your sight; Keep sound wisdom and discretion, 22 So they will be life to your soul
And adornment to your neck.

Proverbs 4:5-13 (NIV) Get *wisdom, get understanding*; do not forget my words or swerve from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 *Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.* Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 *Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you.* 9 *She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor.*"(Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life ~ Prv 16:16) 10 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. 11 I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. 13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Proverbs 8:1-14(NASB) Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice? 2 On top of the heights beside the way, Where the paths meet, she takes her stand; 3 Beside the gates, at the opening to the city, At the entrance of the doors, she cries out: 4 To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men. 5 O naive ones, understand prudence; And, O fools, understand wisdom. 6 *Listen, for I will speak noble things; And the opening of my lips will reveal right things.* 7 For my mouth will utter truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them. 9 They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge. 10 Take *my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold.* 11 *For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her.*

12 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge and discretion. 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate. 14 Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine. 15 By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, All who judge rightly. 17 I love those who love me; And *those who diligently seek me will find me.* 18 Riches and honor are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness. 19 *My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield better than choicest silver.* 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, 21 To endow those who love me with wealth, That I may fill their treasuries. 22 The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. 23 From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth; 26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world. 27 When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, 28 When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed, 29 When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth; 30 Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, 31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And having my delight in the sons of men. 32 Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways. 33 Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it. 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts. 35 *For he who finds*

me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD. But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."

Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

After reading those Scriptures, in my estimation, the only reasonable thing one should do, is to do the following;

Psalms 37:4-5 *Delight yourself* also in the LORD, *And* He shall give you *the desires of your heart*. **5** *Commit your way* to the LORD, *Trust also* in Him, *And* He shall *bring it to pass*.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mark 12:28-30 Then one of the scribes came,, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" 29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 30 *'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'* *This is the first commandment.*

The one condition the Lord has establish is that we search for Him and seek Him with our all. God will not tolerate or accept any half-hearted effort on our behalf. He deserves and will only accept our absolute best effort. We will never experience a full, enriched, deep relationship with God until we learn to give Him our very best.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, *when you search for Me with all your heart*.

Deuteronomy 4:29 ... you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him *if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul*.

Luke 11:9-10 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Characteristics of today's professors of Christ who do not what to hear certain things or certain Scriptures they don't agree with based upon their own philosophy or ideology

2nd Timothy 4:3-4 (NIV) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (fables, stories, fiction)

Romans 1: 21-22,25 – although they knew God, *they did not glorify Him as God*, nor were thankful, but became *futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened*. 22 *Professing to be wise*, they became fools, 25 who *exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator*,...

Isaiah 29:13 the Lord said: "..... these people *draw near with their mouths* And honor Me with their lips, But have *removed their hearts far from Me*, And *their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men*,

Matthew 15:8-9 (NASB) 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME 9 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, **TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.**

Unfortunately, a lot of people are still being conformed to this world and have a lack of knowledge concerning the "works of the flesh, and what they are, and the consequences of walking in the flesh

Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are evident*, which are: adultery, *fornication*, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, *sorcery*, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, *selfish ambitions*, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of *which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Revelation 21:8 But the *cowardly*, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and *all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone*, which is the second death."

Revelation 22:15 But outside *are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*

Here's the bottom line: Romans 8:13 says " if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live