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"CHOOSING YOUR FUTURE"

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PROVERBS 8:11, 4:7, 9:12 (NLT)

TRUTH: The life that you make is determined by choices you embrace early on.

I. THE VALUE OF WISDOM TO DAILY LIVING (1 Kings 3:5, 9, 10)

INSIGHT: Wisdom is the key to every good thing you can want in life (Proverbs 8:11).

TRUTH: A degree may enable you to make a lot of money, but only wisdom can enable you to enjoy it.

DEFINITION: Wisdom is seeing things from God's point of view.

TRUTH: There are a ton of smart people who fail at family, relationships, and a quality life.

HOW DO YOU GET WISDOM?

II. SOLOMON'S BENEFIT GUIDE TO WISDOM (Proverbs 1:1-6)

TRUTH: God says wisdom is the number one thing you need to make a life.

PROVERBS 9:12, "If you become wise, you'll be the one to benefit. But if you scorn wisdom, you'll be the one to suffer."

TRUTH: Many people make foolish decisions every day in life, love and business because they lack wisdom.

God's list of benefits of wisdom:

1. Prov. 24:14 (TEV) "Wisdom is good for the soul. Get wisdom and you'll have a bright future."
2. Prov. 19:8 (NCV) "Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed."
3. Prov. 9:11 (NLT) "Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life."

4. Prov. 3:35 (TEV) "Wise people will gain an honorable reputation."
5. Prov. 3:16-18 (TEV) The 7 gifts of wisdom: "Wisdom offers you long life, as well as wealth and honor. Wisdom can make your life pleasant. Wisdom can lead you safely through life. Those who become wise are happy, wisdom will give them life."

III. SOLOMON'S GUIDE TO WISDOM FOR SMART PEOPLE

1. Listen to God's Word daily. Prov. 1:7 (MSG) "Start with God. The first step in learning is bowing down to God." Prov. 2:6 (GNT) "It is the Lord Who gives wisdom; from Him come knowledge and understanding."

TRUTH: Garbage in/garbage out; what you put in your mind comes out in your life (Prov. 15:14 NLT).

TRUTH: Your brain is the computer that runs your life.

2. Enlist friends who challenge your life to be better. 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NET) "Bad company corrupts good morals."

TRUTH: You can't live a wise life alone, you just can't.

INVITATION TRUTH: You need friends who will challenge you to be and do better every day. Prov. 13:20 (NCV) "Spend time with the wise and you will become wise, but the friends of fools will suffer."

Three actions steps for every college student from HHBC:

1. Find a church home away from home.
2. Find godly friends who will help, not hinder you.
3. Calendar time to be alone with God in His Word.