Wisdom and Action produce God's Results

Text: Proverbs 4:7 (HNV) Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding. **James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead** also.

Introduction: I am confident that the Lord will touch each and every one as I share the vision for 2025.

The Holy Spirit put in my heart that every month we will teach a relevant topic regarding our everyday lives. As we individually and corporately act on God's Word, our lives, family, and future will manifest God's Results.

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The Law of Firsts will always prevail in everything we do. After salvation by the grace of God and the Grace Gifts of the Holy Spirit everything else in life will come at a cost. Study, prayer, worship, evangelism, fellowship, church, health, working, family, grooming, driving, clothing, eating, sleeping, and finding and following a mentor, dying, etc. all have a cost tied to it. **Let's list some of the currency you will use:**

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We all are tested in every area to prove if we are willing and obedient to fulfill God's highest and best in your life.

- This is your year! "Now is your time!"
- 1 Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: ⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Proverbs 23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

• <u>Wisdom</u> is the application of knowledge combined with <u>Faith's corresponding Actions</u> not reactions to life's challenges, produce **God's Results.**

Scripture with definitions: Proverbs 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry (to encounter, whether accidentally or in a hostile manner) and understanding put forth (delivers to you) her voice (meaning to call aloud; or sound, like a roll of thunder) ² She standeth (erect and anchored) in the top (To shake the head) of high places (elevated places), by the way (the course of action) in the places (dwelling places) of the paths (beaten paths). ³ She crieth (to shout (usually for joy) at (the closed to opening) the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. ⁴Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

Amplified text by Pastor Gary Whetstone through study and personal experience with God's Wisdom!

- 1. Doesn't God's Wisdom surprise you. Sometimes tackling you; leaving you shaking. Then her understanding calls your name as you awaken to the sounds of deliverance like rolling thunder.
- 2. She stands erect above all and anchored to shake out the elevated opinions backed by strongholds in the most stubborn heads. She has seen every path you could take and knows how all others have run down the same beaten paths to what they call their own.
- 3. She cries with shouts of joy as the gates open for you; leading you through the city of onlookers as door after door opens for you that no man can shut!

4. I know this shakes you up as I am speaking directly to you, know that my voice calls by name every one of the sons of Adam.

Let's get started:

1. Build your relationships, friends, and leaders with definition and boundaries.

Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

The people that you are familiar with generally do not get you to your destiny. It takes those with an edge to see the future in you that motivates you to go further.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

• Definition, timing, and boundaries

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; ²⁵ Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; ²⁶ And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷ That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us

SEE CHART ON THE BACK OF YOUR NOTES

- Everyone must build their relationships both in the world and the Church
- There may be cross over of some
- Every relationship has a price
- Every relationship must have definition and boundaries
- Never burn your bridges in family, vocation, community, and church

2. Find your leaders

Seek out the person or persons whose everyday life is demonstrating your dreams, goals or God's directive.

Some of the people that will move mountains for you in the world are still of the world. Remember you are the light of the world! God has given you favor with those in this world to equip you in areas that will advance God's Kingdom.

For example: To get a mortgage from a bank one must learn and comply with the financial standards.

• Know the field you are going to harvest. Find the person that is harvesting that field and pay the price to be trained.

A. On the left side [Practical]

For example: Our former businesses required; legal, accounting, financing, banking, marketing, sales, HR, tax prep, insurance, property, leases, maintenance, employee skill sets, equipment, machinery, trucking, knowing the product and or service, knowing your clientele, correct placement of personnel, laws and ordinances, cash flow management, etc.

• In every field you must have definition, boundaries, and timing all with each relationship.

For example: You don't say to your client's wife in his absence "let's grab lunch" I don't care how hungry you are.

B. On the right side [Spiritual]

Jesus said in order to follow him there is a price.

Luke 14:15 (ESV) When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" and Jesus teaches the parable of the great banquet: If you give excuses you don't get to eat: bought ground, 5 yolk of oxen, married a wife –

Cost of discipleship

Luke 14:25 (ESV) Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

3. Success is in your daily routine.

- Make every obstacle work for you
- **2 Corinthians 4:13** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
- **2 Corinthians 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For **our light affliction,** which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.
 - Extract the gold out of life's crisis

Psalms 34:19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*

John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:11

Life's pressures, difficulties, unexpected tragedy, betrayal of friends, financial crises, work's conflicts, stress with family, and seemingly not being able to move ahead, are all related to tribulations. From such, many escape into depression, drugs, alcohol, sports, and many other escape-motivated activities, because they do not know how to handle the pressure. Thus, many seem only to repeat the cycle over and over. So, they just go around the mountain over and over again.

4. Take Action!

James 1:22 (NLT) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

A. Promises make us a partaker of His Nature

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

B. Renew your mind

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

C. Destroy double mindedness

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

D. Live with bold confidence!

Hebrews 10:35 (NLT) So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! ³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. ³⁷ "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. ³⁸ And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." ³⁹ But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

E. Fight, you are more than a conqueror!

Proverbs 21:22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. ²¹When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: ²²But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. ²³He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, ²⁶But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: ²⁷To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Act on God's Word and Worship with your First-Fruit and Tithes the entire year faithfully.

- First-Fruit is the entire income from a time or season. Example is Abel's sacrifice Hebrews 11:1, Genesis 4:1
- The tithe is the first 1/10 of your income before taxes etc.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Practical		Spiritual		
Vocational, work-related		Spiritual		
Leaders		Leaders, Specialists		
Companions		Teachers, Mentors		
		The Family of God		
Health		Family		
Leaders		Leaders, Specialists		
Companions		Teachers, Mentors		
		The Family of God		
Sports, Hobbies, Entertainment		Health		
Leaders		Leaders, Specialists		
Companions		Teachers, Mentors		
		The Family of God		
		Education		
		Leaders, Specialists		
		Teachers, Mentors		
		The Family of God		