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Wisdom in Communication

Isaiah 50:4 What Are We Looking For In Communication?

⁴ *The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.*

⁵ *The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.*

- > We are not without instruction for what God desires in our communication.
- > Key: HE WAKES MY EAR to listen so I can be taught AND gives me a tongue to know the words of life I can speak. The how/why/ and when of speaking.
- > THEN> I can hear and respond with wisdom:



Wisdom: Discernment
Understanding
Successful
Stemming from the fear of the Lord
Intelligence

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1. Where did you experience wisdom in these testimonies?
2. How have you gotten “wiser” married to your spouse?

Testimony

Al and Judy are celebrating their 40th Anniversary. They have walked through many things together, including a heart attack, running a business and over seeing many ministries including being the directors of our NAME center. They are on our deacon/ess Board.



Key Reasons for Wisdom

James 3:17 The Quality of Heavenly Wisdom Over Earthly Wisdom

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raises a harvest of righteousness.

- > There is a change in your heart and your entire being that reflects God's:
 - Desire to prosper your relationship
 - Desire for you to know His pleasure in your conversation.



Prov 3:13 The Heart to Understand

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
the man who gains understanding,

- > The desire to search out what is not obvious
- > The connection between the heart and the head through wisdom releases understanding
- > There is a peace knowing God's Wisdom

Prov 11:2 The Heart to be Broken

² When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.

- > Pride gets in the way of hearing God's voice over your own.
- > Humility asks the question <"What would you have me do Lord?" or "What do I need to hear Lord?"

Prov 23:9 The Heart That is Stayed on Him.

⁹ Do not speak to a fool,
for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

- > Wisdom opens doors that our flesh will go through.
- > Listening to your own "transformed" heart is key to grow in your marriage relationship.
- > Remember, God is building your marriage...so "don't cast pearls before swine!" and earthly wisdom (James 3:13-16) is selfish, envious, unspiritual, confusing and contains every evil practice.



Prov 24:14 The Heart That Has Vision and Hope

¹⁴ Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul;
if you find it, there is a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.

- > Wisdom in your communication births a vision and extends hope.
- > Wisdom gives both understanding of the deeper "whys" but also the "whats"

Prov 28:26 The Heart That is Secure

²⁶ He who trusts in himself is a fool,
but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

- > There is relational safety when wisdom forms a foundation for communication.