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For His

Crown



A periodical for Christian Young Ladies.



Jimmy Roy has arrived!

Our new little Miller baby made his appearance October 12th and is doing very well. We are very thankful for his safe arrival. He is David and Alisha's first and with his birth, that makes us ten grandchildren! We thank the Lord for them all and are looking forward to many more in the future. From our family to yours, we pray that your Thanksgiving and Christmas days are full of the blessings of the Lord! Thank you for reading "Jewels" another year! We look forward to serving you through our little publication in the coming year.

~T. Miller

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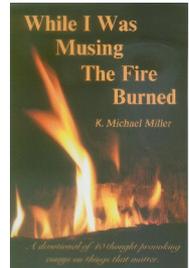
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Wisdom is, and starts with, the humility to accept the fact that you don't have all the right answers, and the courage to learn to ask the right questions.

Author Unknown

Wisdom is the right of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

C.H. Spurgeon

Reading a proverb takes only a few seconds; applying a proverb can take a lifetime.

Author Unknown

Wisdom

is the principal thing;

therefore

get wisdom!

Proverbs 4:7

*Wisdom is the reward you get for
a lifetime of listening when you'd
have preferred to talk.*

Doug Larson

*When I can look Life
in the eyes,
Grown calm
and very coldly
wise,*

*Life will have given
me the
Truth,
And taken in
exchange -
my youth.*
~Sara Teasdale



*I believe that all wisdom consists
in caring immensely for a few
right things, and not caring a
straw about the rest.*

John Buchan

The years

*teach much
which the days never knew.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"And all this time I thought your wisdom
was home spun!"

A single conversation
with a wise man
is better than
ten years of study.
Chinese Proverb



*Knowledge comes,
but wisdom lingers.*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Caring for Others

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

God sent His Son into this world to live and die for others, so that we could have a blessed life and an eternity in Heaven with Him. If Jesus spent his life giving and doing for others, we should follow his example and think of others before ourselves.

Fulfill the requirements for this badge, but remember to continue what you learn here for the rest of your life.

Badge Requirements:

1. Memorize the following poem and quote it to your leader:

Others ~ by Charles D. Meigs

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneed to pray,
My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for You
Must needs be done for others.

Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be:
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.

Let “self” be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
My efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for others.

2. Send a purchased or hand-made card to someone who is ill. (Three times.)

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3. Send a sympathy card to a family who has lost a loved one. Pray for that family. (Two times.)

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4. Visit a nursing home, either with your family or church group, and make little cards to give to each resident that you visit with. (Two times.)

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5. Do something nice for your neighbor. (Rake leaves, shovel snow, bring them their paper, take them a treat, etc.) (Five times, not on the same day.)

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(Note: Keep a record of to whom and dates when you did things on the pages provided in the back of your handbook.)

Parent's signature of completion: _____

You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving.

Amy Carmichael

Got...Wisdom?

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7

"Once upon a time..." Every beautiful storybook tale starts this way, right? And from the time that she is little until she is ready to walk down the aisle on her wedding day, every little girl dreams of that "happily ever after" that always comes at the end of the book. We are always seeking for the true way to be happy and to have our dreams come true. Statistics show, however, that so many people are looking to the wrong sources for the directions to their "happily ever after", and marriage for them becomes a drudgery, life loses its pleasure and too late they realize they have made some bad choices. It takes a lot of wisdom to make it through the struggles and hardships that go along with living day by day. But where do you find wisdom?

First, you must get serious about what you want. Everyday living has a way of taking the urgency away from things that matter most in your life. Other things begin to be more important to you, such as how to fix your hair, what clothes and colors look best on you, wondering if a certain boy likes you or not, and many other things. Our young years are full of new and exciting "firsts", and there is always the danger of not taking the long-look at your life. That is why Solomon gave us this instruction, *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."* (Ecclesiastes 12:1) (Evil here mean trouble, such as days of trouble.) How many times have you heard an older person say, "If I could only go back and do it over again!" when speaking about their life? The key word in the verse above is NOW. Right now you have your youth, without the selfish mistakes and sinful decisions that have filled so many lives. Wisdom says, "Take the opportunity NOW while you can so that when you are older you will not be filled with regrets!" You only have one life and it is in your power to waste it or to make your decisions with sobriety and wisdom. There is no end to the shame of reaching old age with a past that makes your heart ache and leaves you moaning, "How I wish I could just go back and do it again!"

Wisdom and knowledge are the most important ingredients to living a godly, ordered life. Having wisdom was so important that Solomon, when asked by God to name anything that he wanted, asked him for wisdom to lead his great people. He realized what an awesome responsibility it was to lead such a great nation and knew he would need help. The enormity of the job of learning to live with another person in peace and understanding is more than most people realize. And then to look into the eyes of your newborn child while he is looking so intently into yours will introduce you to the over-whelming responsibility you have to the soul of this new life of which God has given into your keeping and training. It is at these moments that you come to understand how very much you need God's wisdom and strength

to accomplish the task before you. No matter how much you think you know about the man you marry, no matter how much you imagine you understand about raising children, when you come to the actual doing of the thing, you will find that you need God's wisdom more than you thought.

There are a few good ways to find wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Your main source of wisdom comes from God Himself. All your life you are encouraged to read your Bible, but reading alone will not give you the understanding that you will need. I have often said that reading your Bible is like driving a motor boat across the top of the ocean; you only skim the surface when there is an enormous amount of life below you just waiting to be seen. If you really want to gain the wisdom of God's Word, learn some ways to study your Bible. One way I have found most helpful in this matter is to use a journal to write out the scripture, handwriting the scripture on the right-hand side and leaving the left-hand side for notes or word and character studies. Writing the scripture slows you down long enough for the Lord to show you *"wondrous things out of thy law."* (Psalm 119:18)

One of the best ways to learn something is to do it for a long time. The more you practice and make mistakes, the more you will learn how to do it right. The same rule applies to living. A good source of wisdom and understanding can come from an elderly Christian woman, especially one who has proven through the years her faithfulness to God and to her family. Job says, *"With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding."* (Job 12:12-13) If there is one thing that a good godly grandmother loves to do, it is to help others to better understand how to walk circumspectly in this pathway of life. She understands where you are coming from and where you are going and can warn you of the dangers and pitfalls that you must be aware of along the way. She can understand the heartache of the mistakes that you have already made because she has made some of the same ones in her lifetime. In letting them talk to and help us, we allow them to be a great blessing when we go to them with an open heart and mind. We also enable them to fulfill the scripture, *"That they (aged women) may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."* (Titus 2:4-5)

Wisdom can come from many sources, but not all wisdom is sound and worth listening to. So, how do you tell what to listen to and what to ignore? James 3:14 - 17 gives us a clear contrast between the the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God:

"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." (v. 14-16)

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without

hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."
(v. 17)

“What a great difference there is between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom that is from above! These verses give us THE EVIDENCE OF TRUE WISDOM. God’s wisdom is *pure*. The wisdom of God and the will of God will always be on the side of purity and modesty; whereas, the wisdom of the world is sensual and carnal. God will never guide us in the way of worldliness and sin, but in the paths of righteousness. The wisdom that is from above is "peaceable," meaning that it will work for reconciliation and restoration. The false wisdom, however, is characterized by strife. Where there is strife and contention, we should recognize that this is not the evidence of God’s wisdom. His wisdom is "gentle." True wisdom is not harsh, demanding, or demeaning. It is not unkind. The wisdom from God is "easy to be entreated." God is approachable, and those who are walking in His counsel will be willing to listen. His wisdom is "full of mercy and good fruits." God’s wisdom wants to find a way to forgive and restore. His wisdom is filled with hope and encouragement. The wisdom of God is "without partiality, and without hypocrisy." God will give us the truth without flattery, and we never have to wonder if He is being sincere or genuine. The wisdom from above produces "righteousness" and "peace," whereas the fruit of false wisdom is confusion.” (Pastor Thomas Smith, Straight Paths Devotions, straightpaths.mzbc.com)

The Bible gives some clear evidence of a couple of young men who took the wrong council from worldly advisors and what became of them. The one most of us are familiar with is in 2 Samuel, chapter thirteen, where King David’s son, Amnon, took the advice of his cousin, Jonadab, about how he should fulfill his lustful desire for his half-sister, Tamar. Along with ruining his sister’s virtue and making himself miserable in the doing of the thing, he ended up murdered by his half-brother, Absalom (Tamar’s brother), who hated him for his evil deed. Another example of bad council is found in 1 Kings, chapter twelve, where Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, was determining how he would rule the kingdom that his father had left him. The people came to him asking for him to make their burden lighter and they would serve him gladly. The elder councilors told him to listen to the people and he would have peace. *"But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him."* These worldly-minded young men advised the king to make the burdens harder for the people and show them who was boss. And the result of their council was *"What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents."* The people left Rehoboam and followed the leadership of Jeroboam, who lead the them into blatant idolatry. So following bad council lead a whole nation into sin and confusion.

Reading and studying your Bible will help you to identify good and bad wisdom. The book of Proverbs is a rich source for familiarizing yourself with the right kind of wisdom and understanding. The word "wisdom" appears fifty-three times in the book of Proverbs alone. I highly encourage you to write and study the Proverbs.

Writing them in a notebook or journal will help you to remember their concepts and therefore will be readily in your "heart" when difficult situations occur in your life. In this world there is much confusion on what is good and what is evil, and most sources that are available today will only bring more confusion to your mind and understanding. God's word (in the King James) is tried and proven as a trusted source of truth that you can always depend on.

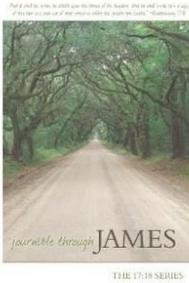
There is a "happily-ever-after" in the joy that comes from the Lord Jesus Christ. His joy cannot be taken from you and this joy comes from following him. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7

Take your time with the following questions. Some will require more work and some will require more thought, but they will help you to better understand how to study the book of Proverbs. God bless your efforts!

1. Write the definition of the word "froward".
2. In Proverbs chapter 3, it encourages the son to write mercy and truth upon the tables of his heart. How do you suppose that could be done?
3. What regrets will come by not "hearing" the father's wisdom? (See Proverbs 5:11-14)
4. In Proverbs 7:6-23, what mistakes does the "simple" young man make?
5. What are the attributes of a harlot? (Proverbs 7)
6. List and contrast the benefits of the righteous versus the wicked from chapter 11. (Proverbs 11:4)
7. Define "discretion". (Proverbs 11)
8. Define "reproof". (Proverbs 12)
9. How many friends do you have that are willing to reprove you? Why are they so valuable? (Proverbs 15:12)
10. Notice how often the son is reminded of the value of reproof. Why would the father be so concerned with his attitude towards and acceptance of reproof? (Proverbs 17:10)

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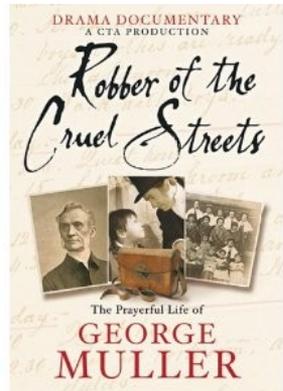


There is an old proverb that says, “Thoughts disentangle themselves when passing over the lips and through the finger tips.” These books are actually journals that have been numbered to accommodate an entire book of the Bible. You write the scripture on the right-hand page and use the left-hand page for notes and thoughts on what you are writing. When you are finished, you have an entire book from the Word of God in your own

handwriting. This not only gives you an excellent way to study the Bible but also will allow you to leave a legacy for your children and generations to come. Although any journal may be used, these are spaced exactly right for the book designated, and the price is comparable. You may find these books at www.heritagebooks.org. Type “journible” in the search window and select “see all products”. There are various ones to choose from.

Robber of the Cruel Streets-George Muller (DVD)

An excellent documentary of the life and times of George Muller, a Prussian-born, English man of faith and prayer who established orphanages in Bristol, England in the 19th century. Weaving together video of on-site locations, historical pictures, narration and drama, this well-done and interesting presentation is both challenging and inspiring as one sees how God answers prayer and provides for the needs of His children who trust Him. Two extra special features: one on Muller (28 min.) and the other with interesting testimonies of some of those influenced by his work (18 min.) are also well-done and an added bonus.



(This DVD is available through www.amazon.com and also through www.visionvideo.com.)

Respecting the Elderly

“Thine own friend, and thy father’s friend, forsake not...” Proverbs 27:10a

We usually have regard for someone who is skilled in a craft or in accomplished in a certain task. Experience is honored in our society, except when the person happens to be old and is thought useless. Our nursing homes are full of people who have lived many years and have learned some of life’s hard lessons. We miss so much by not visiting with them and getting to know them. You will find that it is well worth your time and effort to do so.

Badge Requirements:

1. Make five visits to a local nursing home near you.

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2. Make hand-made cards and pictures or arrange some paper, silk, or real flowers in a small vase and give them to an elderly lady who lives near you. Pray and ask the Lord to help you to choose wisely.

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3. While visiting the nursing home, make friends with **five** people who live there and ask them the following question:
 - Name:
 - Birthday and age:
 - Where were they born?
 - Favorite color:
 - Favorite food:
 - Are they a Christian? Have they ever been saved?
 - Where did they go to church?Write the answers on a page in the back of your notebook. Number each one.
4. Write a letter or card to each of your new friends. If they are not saved, send them a tract with the letter or card. Let them know how glad that you are to know them and that you look forward to seeing them again.

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Age should not have its face lifted, but it should rather teach the world to admire wrinkles as the etchings of experience and the firm line of character.

--Unknown

(As in previous issues, you may do this on your own or send in for a badge upon completion. Send a verification of information gathered with parental signature and name of person completing requirements. Include \$5 for first badge and \$3 each for any additional badges being sent to the same address at that time. God bless your efforts!)

Sewing

“All the widows stood by..., showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.” Acts 9:39

Sewing has been around since the beginning of time, since Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. Sewing is an important asset in a Christian woman's life, for fashions make it difficult to dress modestly when all of your choices must come from clothes racks. With a little skill, even purchased clothing can be made wearable with added embellishments and inserts. Money can be saved in making and altering children's clothing as well as your own. It is a skill that you will long treasure.

Badge Requirements:

1. Make a sewing box or basket. It should include:
 - Scissors
 - Tape measure
 - Straight pins in a box or pin cushion
 - Seam ripper
 - Thimble
 - Three or more colors of thread
 - Two or more sewing needles, either in a needle package or pin cushion
 - Small notebook for notes
2. Using your tape measure, measure your chest, waist, hips and dress length to determine your size and skirt length. Write this in your notebook.
3. Sew something from a pattern. This can be sewn on a machine or by hand.
 - Cut out paper pattern and lay on fabric according to directions.
 - Pin pattern to fabric and cut out on appropriate size.
 - Follow the pattern directions for assembly of item.
 - Item must be neat and well sewn.
 - Bring finished item for leader inspection.
4. Learn how to do a neat hem, having stitches small and almost invisible.
5. Learn how to sew on buttons, snaps, hooks, and eyes.
6. Learn the difference in at least four different fabrics and their uses.

I cannot count my day complete
'Til needle, thread and fabric meet.
~Author Unknown

(NOTE: This will be the last page from the Club Handbooks.

There are many more project pages, so if you are interested in having a copy of the entire notebooks, please let me know. Only a \$5 charge for shipping is required!)

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Merry Christmas to All!