

Wisdom is Attractive

Walking In Wisdom - Week 12 (11-20-24)

Proverbs 11:30

I. Bearing Fruit

A. Good Fruit is Attractive

1. Evangelizing yourself is the best way to evangelize others.
 - a) "...of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaketh." - Luke 6:43-45
 - (1) James 3:13-18
 - (a) What does your "conversation" (fruit) sound/look like?
 - (b) We show our fruit by the way we live and talk, and this all flows from what is in our hearts.
2. Isaiah 60:1-5
 - a) The glory of the Lord will be seen upon you!
 - b) Verse 5 - "flow together" = become radiant together

B. We are attracted to what we need.

1. We gravitate to the things that we need or want.
 - a) This is why we regularly visit the grocery store, gas station, clothing stores, coffee shops, our places of work, and our beds at night.
 - (1) "If you are hungry, you want to eat. If you are lonely, you want companionship. If you are sad, you want comfort. If you are angry, you want justice." - Jennifer and Justin Camp from FLAG of Gather Ministries*
 - b) When people see that we seem to have some unique form of strength and peace in our life, they gravitate to us or are jealous of us.
 - (1) We have what they need! - "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life..."
2. When we allow the world to tell us what we need.

C. Seek to know and understand the gospel

1. Most people do not share the gospel because they are afraid of people asking them questions that they don't know the answers to.
2. Study to show yourself approved, and work out your own salvation!
 - a) Philippians 2:12-13
 - (1) "Work out your own salvation" - work = Do, bring about, work fully, accomplish, finish
 - (2) "It is God which worketh in you" - worketh = Active, efficient, effectual, be mighty in.
3. "Be sure of your own salvation." - DL
 - a) 1 Thess. 2:13 - We have to come to a place where we search out the gospel honestly for ourselves, and solidify it as truth in our own hearts.
 - (1) Do you really see it as God's Word; to the point of it effectually working in you?

(2) This is likely more of an issue for those of us that have been raised in the church.

4. When we have sanctified God in our hearts, we will always be ready to share our hope! 1 Peter 3:13-17

II. Speaking Out

A. Daniel 12:3 (AMP) and (YLT)

1. “Wise” can be translated teach
2. “Turn” = make right, cleanse, clear self, justify
 - a) It is up to us to show the world that they have been cleansed and justified through Jesus Christ!

B. If you are honestly pursuing “point I,” then “point II” should happen naturally!

1. You will be more intimately acquainted with God and Holy Spirit.
 - a) This will give you more confidence in Who you are in Christ (Romans 8:17 & 1 Peter 2:9).
 - b) This will Help you to discern between good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14).

C. We should be constantly ready to talk about the goodness of God

1. 2 Timothy 4:2

D. We have been commanded to go and preach the gospel - Matt. 28:19

1. Early church examples.
 - a) If it worked for them, it’ll work for us.
2. Get over the fear of rejection.

* <https://flagmessages.io>