Divine Confidence for the Disciple

Proverbs 16:21 (NKJV)
21. Sweet in speech increases persuasion.

This verse is the theme for the book of Proverbs.

It is all about people, not **God** the creator **world**, when they're speaking, or either they're analyzing God.

And substantively, that **feeling**, in their own mind and heart, is the **confidence** and **assurance** in what they say, or they're convinced on every issue they are **sure** of, or even listen to, or **consider** or **ponder** in their own mind.

And no matter how much Biblical evidence you throw them, **their mind is already made up.**

They have a false **Confidence**, and they will not let up to it until the judgment seat of Christ.

God's will is what the people want, or the results or to be understood to be

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

see their minds

the fresh, but those who live according to the flesh, and the flesh of the spirit.

Confidence in our Christian walk.

We ultimately ground our stability, our **confidence** in our certainty, our future hope and expectation, upon God's Word and promises.

It's much more specific than the idea that **"you just have to trust God"**

But it is **trusting** the doctrines **and the methods that He's revealed** for the application of those doctrines, in this island.

Every Christian's goal should be to be delivered from living the Christian life with a false **confidence**.

So we have this chapter, and after we don't know which way to go.

In proverbs the father is teaching his son how to acquire the **wisdom** from the **knowledge** he has acquired from the **scriptures**, and **Proverbs 16:21** is made **richer** **sweeter** as he goes through life.

This is so that when we find ourselves in the middle of a **crisis**, or the **results** of **pressure and stress**, we must make bad decisions, **we have already laid down a foundation of sound biblical understanding in our soul that is based upon God's revealed will.**

It has built a strength a **confidence**, and a **certainty**, so that **it** sets a course for our thinking.

It doesn't happen immediately but it happens as a result of being completely immersed in the Word of God, so that **God's revealed will** for thinking of Scripture becomes our thinking.

That takes time **it takes daily decisions** to make **God's revealed will** a priority, and then over the course of time we are a godly strength and confidence developing.

If you abide in My word you are my disciples indeed.

So literally may we get to that point in our spiritual growth where we are those men put for reference of Scripture, and we are those men who are able to make the Word our priority and learn to apply it

As we accumulate **knowledge** in our soul that gives us the **information** and the **understanding** we need to apply, and that is how **wisdom** is built.

We can't get to **wisdom** without spending a lot of time in the Word.

God's revealed will is the source of **wisdom**

That's why it's so important to read the Bible, and to listen to it from our smart phones, and to memorize Bible verses.

This is about confidence. The father here in **Proverbs 2** is anchoring his son's life in **God's revealed will** the command from the Lord.

He is challenging to son to follow his laws and commands because they are the Lord's laws and commands, and because they are the father's opinions or ideas; **this instruction comes from the God.**

In the first chapter of **Proverbs**, our leaders at the challenge of the fathers in the sons, to listen to the father's guidance and to reject the influence of his peers.

We apply this teaching the same way today, not just individually but collectively, in our families and in our church.

We have this exact same principle taught in **Romans 12:1-2**

This instruction of the father is **a framework for all testament believers, and more specifically fathers were to teach their children.**

And it should be a model for us today!

Proverbs 1:1-2 (NKJV)

My son

1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,

learn to understand **wisdom** and **instruction**, that he may be **successful**

In Hebrew poetry there is the rhyming of ideas, not sounds.

Sometimes there is a synonyms **two** possibilities, **or** the first line is **related** with similar **sounds** to give a better explanation or understanding.

Sometimes there is an **antithetical relationship** or opposite so that the second line contrasts with the first line.

So we see a parallel between the ideas of **to see** hear and **learn**.

So we understand that we are forgetting the last element just **see**, **don't hear a lesson of memory**, but we really return **to keep or obey, and even guard God's law.**

Proverbs 4:5 (NKJV)
5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

forget the things you have heard, and not they depart from your **heart** and **mind**, or the And that Proverbs 2 illustrates your children are

Deuteronomy 6:6 (NKJV)
6 These words which I command you today shall be in your heart;

forgotten from the heart and mind

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV)
9 Only take heed to you and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and children's children,

Deuteronomy 6:12 (NKJV)
12 then beware lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Deuteronomy 8:14 (NKJV)
14 Then your heart will be lifted up, and you will forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

forgotten

The emphasis is on learning and retaining and applying the Word of God.

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wisdom (חָכְמָה, ḥoḵmāh) "power, accomplishments, authors, health"

The word **wisdom**, translated **wisdom** here, doesn't simply mean power, the absence of conflict.

And it also relates to a comprehension of a complicated, or **problem** in **life and spirit** which quite commonly, any success which man alone, even under the best circumstances, is able to attain.

It relates to a fullness of life. It qualifies in terms of sexuality, and good health, and good health, and success, and in filled with inner contentment, delight and joy as a gift of God.

It is a life of happiness and joy and contentment no matter what circumstances might be.

Proverbs 16:17 (NKJV)
17 The highway of the upright Is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his life.

WAYS or **WAYS** of righteousness, And all the **paths** of **judgment**

Truth is not subjective:

Keep your **heart** with all **truth**; For out of it spring the issues of life.

Write them on the tablet of your **heart**

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Check and learn new **truth** and make it the most **important** thing in life, so that it's applied to every situation, every decision.

you are to take what we have focused on in terms of applying it to a situation, **your** **heart**

Hard hearts with a lot of wrong or perverse, that are labeled as in perverse ways.

The idea is that **heart** and **mind** located on

Take the ideas of something totally dependable, something unchanging

Because **something that is absolutely faithful**

Proverbs 7:2,4 (NKJV)
2 Keep **my commands** and live, And my **law** as the apple of your eye.
4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin,

Most Christians don't know that God's word is knowable, that it has one interpretation that applies to it.

That God's word is one universal principle for the gain of **instruction knowledge understanding**, and **wisdom**. And that applies the same to everybody in every situation in every culture throughout the world all ages.

Truth is not subjective

Proverbs 29:24 (NKJV)
24 The hearing ears and the seeing eyes, Both of them are the work of the Lord.

Proverbs 29:26 (NKJV)
26 The hearing ears and the seeing eyes, Both of them are the work of the Lord.

truth

Truth becomes the foundation for being able to make judgments in life to help people solve problems and face issues in their life.

Proverbs 14:15 (NKJV)
15 The fool has spoken all his mind, But a wise man quiets it with self-control.

Proverbs 14:16 (NKJV)
16 The fear of the Lord departs from evil; But the fool rages and is confident.

truth

Proverbs 14:25 (NKJV)
25 A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful one speaks lies.

Proverbs 14:26 (NKJV)
26 In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will be a refuge.

by the fear of the Lord

Isaiah 48:1 (NKJV)
1 "Hear this, O house of Jacob, Who are called by the name of Israel, And have come forth from the waters of Judah; Who swear by the name of the Lord, And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in **truth** or in righteousness;

lean not on your own understanding

And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

A **Trust in the Lord** with all your heart, and **lean not on your own understanding**

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV)
5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

THE KEY TO CONFIDENT LIVING

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is not based on our own understanding but divine revelation.

It's gaining an understanding beforehand of the information revealed as absolute truth from God so that it can be applied solely to life's difficulties and crisis

Proverbs 16:25 (NKJV)
25 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.