

Wisdom - cont.

The wisdom of God in hard work is proved right (Proverbs 6:6-11). Laziness always leads to trouble (2 Thessalonians 3:11).

The wisdom of God in belief is proved right (Hebrews 11:1-3). Unbelief always leads to trouble (Psalm 14:1ff; Romans 1:18-31).

The wisdom of God in discipline through suffering is proved right (Hebrews 12:5-11). A life without suffering and correction does not mold character (Romans 5:3-4).

The wisdom of God in local church discipline is proved right (1 Corinthians 5:1ff). An undisciplined church leads to more sinful conduct.

We must always remember that popular opinion polls do not matter. What people think and say about us do not determine how we should live. What matters is walking by God's wisdom and our actions will be proved right in time. You choose which wisdom you will walk by, God's or man's. Either way, your actions and deeds will prove you right or wrong. Why not choose God's wisdom that will lead you to what is right every time.

- Chris Reeves -

- Thought of the Week -

As I look back over the year, I will count the many blessings that the good Lord has given me. I know of people who died this year, but he gave me a full year to live. I know of people who lost their job this year, but he allows me to keep working. I know of people who lost their home this year, but I still have one. I will look back with great gratitude for my Lord.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Wisdom Is Proved Right by Her Actions

Matthew 11:19

“Wisdom is justified by her works” (ASV)

“Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds” (NASV, HCSB)

“Wisdom is shown to be true by its results” (TEV)

“Wisdom is proved right by her actions” (NIV)

“Wisdom is proved right by its results (REB)

“Wisdom is shown to be right by what results from it” (NTL) ... “by what is does” (CEV)

What was Jesus teaching in Matthew 11:19, when he said to the multitudes of his day: *“And wisdom is justified by her works” (ASV)?*

When you look at the immediate context of this passage, you will notice something important. You will notice that some questions have been asked about Jesus' conduct (Matthew 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-23) and about the conduct of John the Baptist (Matthew 11:7-19; Luke 7:24-35).

Jesus and John have been doing some “works” and people naturally want to know about it. Note the word “works” in Matthew 11:2 and 11:19 and note the word “justified” in Luke 7:29 and 7:35. Matthew 11:19 has “works” and Luke 7:35 has “children.” This is not a contradiction because both words refer to what is produced, one's offspring, or the result of something (note the KJV has “children” in both places to alleviate this alleged contradiction).

So, what is Jesus saying in Matthew 11:19? He is saying that one must look at a person's actions or deeds for proof of his character, not look at what people say about him. The actions of Jesus and John were counter-cultural and unpopular with many of the Jews, but they were still right actions.

The actions and deeds of a person show the wisdom of that person. We say today: “The proof of the pudding is in the eating.” Jesus and John were acting according to God's wisdom and their actions were proved right in the face of all the people.

When we act by man's wisdom there will be negative results, but when we act by God's wisdom there will be positive results. Let's consider a few examples.

The wisdom of God in heterosexual marriage is proved right (Genesis 2:18ff). Homosexuality, polygamy, and fornication always lead to trouble.

The wisdom of God in a faithful marriage is proved right (Hebrews 13:4). Adultery always leads to trouble (Proverbs 2:12ff; 5:1ff; 7:5ff).

The wisdom of God in disciplining children while they are young is proved right (Proverbs 22:6). Undisciplined children always lead to trouble (Proverbs 17:25; 29:15).

The wisdom of God in the church is proved right (Matthew 16:26; Ephesians 3:8-10). Salvation of the soul is important, not the entertainment of the body. The social gospel always leads to trouble.

The wisdom of God in the gospel of the cross is proved right (1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 2:5; 3:19-21). Glorifying in self (pride) always leads to trouble.

The wisdom of God in daily living is proved right (James 3:13-17). Human wisdom in living always lead to trouble (dishonesty, foul language, alcohol, debt, anger, etc.).

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