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- **Listen to Paul's testimony as he gives us a clue as to what helped him to become the apostle that he was.**

**1 Corinthians 15:10** *But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

- **He used God's grace to \_\_\_\_\_ him to work hard to serve the Lord.**

**Deuteronomy 8:18** *But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*



## Wisdom That Works

### Proverbs #59

## Wisdom's Good Advice Pt. 7

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

- **Wisdom** is the ability to apply God's truth to life.

## REVIEW

**3. We must be diligent to guard our affections and emotions, so we can make proper decisions in the most important areas of life.**

**Proverbs 4:23** *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

**4. Following our own plan and path almost always turns out bad.**

**Proverbs 14:12** *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

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## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

### 5. Promises that are not \_\_\_\_\_, or expectations that are not realized can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ and depression.

**Proverbs 13:12** *Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.*

- There are three individuals who can cause us to feel frustration when hopes are not met.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
- Now, let me give you a few thoughts that can help us to avoid this trap of “hope deferred.”
  - Never promise or commit to something if you are not absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ you can fulfill it.
  - If you promise something or commit to it, fulfill it and do it on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ecclesiastes 5:4-5** *When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.*

- Be careful about \_\_\_\_\_ saying something that someone else could see as a promise or an expectation to be fulfilled.

**Ecclesiastes 5:2** *Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.*

- As a \_\_\_\_\_, be careful what you promise to your children.
- Be careful as a \_\_\_\_\_ what you promise to your partner.
- Find your fulfillment in \_\_\_\_\_ so you will not be frustrated by man.
- On the flip side, when a hope comes through as promised or expected it is \_\_\_\_\_.

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### 6. \_\_\_\_\_ hard is never bad for you and is the way to having the provisions you need.

**Proverbs 14:23** *In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.*

- Let me share a few thoughts about this.
  - Be the best \_\_\_\_\_ that you can be.
  - Teach your \_\_\_\_\_ the value of work.
  - Understand that God's provision is tied to our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Don't look for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Be a person of \_\_\_\_\_ not words.