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THE EDGE OF THE PLAYBOOK

Text: Proverbs 8:4-36

If you want to have an edge a clear-cut advantage in all you do, then you need to build your life on Biblical principles found in the Word of God

The Bible nowhere guarantees us an easy life — that guarantee doesn't exist anywhere. But the Bible does tell us how to have a *great* life, a meaningful life, a blessed life — a life full of love and joy and happiness.

The quality that determines more than anything else whether you succeed in life is wisdom. Ref: James 1:5

The bottom line is that without _____, life simply doesn't work.

WHAT WISDOM LOOKS LIKE

1. Wisdom is easy to understand. Ref: Proverbs 8:9

Those who faithfully study the Bible discern and receive knowledge from the Lord.

2. It looks a lot like common sense. Ref: Prov. 8:14

Biblical wisdom is easy to understand and when you hear it, it just sounds right. It _____
_____.

3. It is grounded in goodness. Ref: James 3:17

So what does wisdom look like? It is easy to understand. It is sound and solid and based on common sense. And it is grounded in goodness, wholesomeness, integrity, sincerity.

WHAT WISDOM CAN DO FOR YOU

1. Wisdom helps you make better decisions. Ref: Prov. 8:12

Reading through the Word on a daily basis will give you a solid foundation for making good decisions.

2. Wisdom helps you develop financial stability. Ref: Prov. 8:21

3. Wisdom helps you experience a fuller, more meaningful life. Ref: Prov. 8:32, 35

Solomon is saying that those who choose to live by wisdom receive a special blessing and a special anointing from God. They receive _____ from the Lord.

The process of asking God for wisdom includes some specific steps that you need to take. The first step is to...

1. Put Wisdom at the top of your list. Ref: Prov. 8:10
2. Put it in your daily calendar. Ref: Prov. 8:17
3. Put it into practice. Ref: Prov. 8:20

Wisdom, in many ways, is like a muscle. The more we use it, the stronger it becomes. To fully develop wisdom, we need to put it into practice at every opportunity.

The quality of your _____ is a reflection of the quality of your _____.