

SEEKING WISDOM THEN TAKING ACTION

Keys to Success

Dr. Rita S. Pringle

November 14, 2007

You will prepare for your future by seeking wisdom today. As you continue to seek wisdom, you will always be preparing for your future (and on). Seeking wisdom is a continual effort.

You cannot change your past, but your actions today will affect your future. Good news – bad news. Your past, your choices; your future, your choices.

Actions occur: you think; you decide; you make a choice and then you act. To make a better future, you begin by changing your thinking (changing your mind).

I. Seek wisdom (Proverbs 2:4-7; 8:1-8, 11-12)

A. Be alert to the wrong influences on your life. Chickens or eagles.

1. Associations
2. Complainers (Proverbs 18:20-21)
3. “Hand out” (Proverbs 13:4)
4. Mediocrity (Proverbs 1:7b; 1:32-33; 6:9-11)
5. Lazy

B. Look for the right influences for your life (Proverbs 1:4)

1. Accomplishments
2. Wise and godly (Proverbs 1:20-23; 13:20)
3. Avoid traps (Proverbs 2:10-14)
4. Self belief (Proverbs 3:14-18; 15:21-23; 16:16)

C. Successful people serve others (John 4:32; 5:30b)

1. Serving attitude (Philippians 2:5-7; Matthew 10:24)
2. Be wise
3. Value (Galatians 5:13)
4. Listen and watch

He who serves the most, grows the greatest. You can choose to be a servant to others. Listen to the counsel from wise godly people. Choose your friends carefully. Continually seek wisdom; she is everywhere -- be alert.

When faced with a decision, remember God is waiting on you. Father has given you the ability to gather information, to make a decision and to be courageous. Watch, listen, learn and then do something.

Choose now, choose today how you will react when opportunity arises. Make your decision, move forward and do not second guess yourself. Be a person of action.

II. Taking action for your life

A. Dealing with fear

1. A vapor

2. Your future
3. Indecision (James 1:6-8)
- B. Fear of failure (Hebrews 10:35-36)
 1. You have not failed
 2. Do not quit
 3. Past is past
 4. Unlock your future (revelation 3:20; Luke 12:32)
- C. What is in you?
 1. The inability to do nothing
 2. Accomplishment
 3. Behavior
 4. Energetic
- D. Your wave of energy is powerful
 1. Some aside
 2. Some ride (Hebrews 4:16)
 3. Challenges (Hebrews 10:23-24)
 4. Be a leader

The power of your right standing with Father and a reverence for life will enable you to charge forward into your new future created by you. It is your future, run forward and grasp it with both hands.

CONFESSION OF WISDOM

I will continually seek wisdom.

I will listen to the counsel of wise, godly people.

I will choose my friends carefully.

I will be a servant to others.

CONFESSION OF ACTIONS

I am a person of action.

I will seize this moment.

I choose now.

I am a leader.

I am courageous.