

Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 3/18/07 Sermon

“7 Laws of Increase – Part VI”

Live a Life Worthy for Someone to Give Into

Integrity – How you act when no one is looking.

Psalm 26 (NLT)

1Declare me innocent, O LORD, for I have acted with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. 2Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and affections. 3For I am constantly aware of your unfailing love, and I have lived according to your truth. 4I do not spend time with liars or go along with hypocrites. 5I hate the gatherings of those who do evil, and I refuse to join in with the wicked. 6I wash my hands to declare my innocence. I come to your altar, O LORD, 7singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of all your miracles. 8I love your sanctuary, LORD, the place where your glory shines. 9Don't let me suffer the fate of sinners. Don't condemn me along with murderers. 10Their hands are dirty with wicked schemes, and they constantly take bribes. 11But I am not like that; I do what is right. So in your mercy, save me. 12I have taken a stand, and I will publicly praise the LORD.

The Ability to Hear God

John 8:47 (NKJV)

47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

John 18:37b (NKJV)

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

Wisdom

1 Kings 3:5,9-13 (NLT)

5That night the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

9Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great nation of yours?" 10The Lord was pleased with Solomon's reply and was glad that he had asked for wisdom. 11So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people and have not asked for a long life or riches for yourself or the death of your enemies-- 12I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding mind such as no one else has ever had or ever will have! 13And I will also give you what you did not ask for--riches and honor!

1 Kings 10:1-12 (NLT) – Queen Sheba Giving Into King Solomon

1When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's reputation, which brought honor to the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. 2She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of attendants and a great caravan of camels

loaded with spices, huge quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, they talked about everything she had on her mind. 3Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. 4When the queen of Sheba realized how wise Solomon was, and when she saw the palace he had built, 5she was breathless. She was also amazed at the food on his tables, the organization of his officials and their splendid clothing, the cup-bearers and their robes, and the burnt offerings Solomon made at the Temple of the LORD.

6She exclaimed to the king, "Everything I heard in my country about your achievements and wisdom is true! 7I didn't believe it until I arrived here and saw it with my own eyes. Truly I had not heard the half of it! Your wisdom and prosperity are far greater than what I was told. 8How happy these people must be! What a privilege for your officials to stand here day after day, listening to your wisdom! 9The LORD your God is great indeed! He delights in you and has placed you on the throne of Israel. Because the LORD loves Israel with an eternal love, he has made you king so you can rule with justice and righteousness."

10Then she gave the king a gift of nine thousand pounds[a] of gold, and great quantities of spices and precious jewels. Never again were so many spices brought in as those the queen of Sheba gave to Solomon.

11(When Hiram's ships brought gold from Ophir, they also brought rich cargoes of almug wood and precious jewels. 12The king used the almug wood to make railings for the Temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and to construct harps and lyres for the musicians. Never before or since has there been such a supply of beautiful almug wood.)

Proverbs 8 (NLT)

1Listen as wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! 2She stands on the hilltop and at the crossroads. 3At the entrance to the city, at the city gates, she cries aloud, 4"I call to you, to all of you! I am raising my voice to all people. 5How naive you are! Let me give you common sense. O foolish ones, let me give you understanding. 6Listen to me! For I have excellent things to tell you. Everything I say is right, 7for I speak the truth and hate every kind of deception. 8My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing crooked or twisted in it. 9My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those who want to learn. 10"Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge over pure gold. 11For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can be compared with it. 12"I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. 13All who fear the LORD will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech. 14Good advice and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine. 15Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just laws. 16Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments. 17"I love all who love me. Those who search for me will surely find me. 18Unending riches, honor, wealth, and justice are mine to distribute. 19My gifts are better than the purest gold, my wages better than sterling silver! 20I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice. 21Those who love me inherit wealth, for I fill their treasuries.

22"The LORD formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else. 23I was appointed in ages past, at the very first, before the earth began. 24I was born before the oceans were created, before the springs bubbled forth their waters. 25Before the mountains and the hills were formed, I was born-- 26before he had made the earth and fields and the first handfuls of soil. 27"I was there when he established the heavens, when he drew the horizon on the oceans. 28I was there when he set the clouds above, when he established the deep fountains of the earth. 29I was there when he set the limits of the seas, so they would not spread beyond their boundaries. And when he marked off the earth's foundations, 30I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence. 31And how happy I was with what he created--his wide world and all the human family! 32"And so, my children, listen to me, for happy are all who follow my ways. 33Listen to my counsel and be wise. Don't ignore it. 34"Happy are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home! 35For whoever finds me finds life and wins approval from the LORD. 36But those who miss me have injured themselves. All who hate me love death."

Obedience

Joshua 1:6-8 (NLT)

6"Be strong and courageous, for you will lead my people to possess all the land I swore to give their ancestors. 7Be strong and very courageous. Obey all the laws Moses gave you. Do not turn away from them, and you will be successful in everything you do. 8Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed.

Plan/Vision

Habakkuk 2:2 (Amplified)

2And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.

Proven Results

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Amplified)

5Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (Amplified)

19Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit; 20Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning]. 21But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast. 22Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form or whatever kind it may be.

Faith

Matthew 21:22 (Amplified)

22And whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith and [really] believing, you will receive.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

6So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Confidence

1 John 5:14 (Amplified)

14And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.