FINDING GOD’S BLESSING OF WISDOM

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; **2** So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; **3** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; **4** If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; **5** Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. Prov 2:1-5 (KJV)

Oh if we would only seek God’s wisdom first. Too many times we seek his wisdom last. I love these words by Max Lucado “Seek first the kingdom of wealth, and you’ll worry over every dollar. Seek first the kingdom of health, and you’ll sweat every blemish and bump. Seek first the kingdom of popularity, and you’ll relive every conflict. Seek first the kingdom of safety, and you’ll jump at every crack of the twig. But seek first his kingdom, and you will find it. On that, we can depend and never worry.” From FEARLESS by Max Lucado.

I do not follow social media so there are many terms that I do not know or understand about it. My wife follows Facebook. My girls follow it also. Several times Kathie has shown me things that were posted that were quite surprising. I want to say especially to young boys and girls that have access to social media. Please think before you post things on these sources. Well I should say to anyone who uses these outlets. These outlets are not like sending someone a letter or passing a note. These words cannot be taken back. Many years from now things that were posted negatively can be dug up and used against you. Some people have posted things that did not have one ounce of truth in them. People’s reputations have been hurt.

God says for us to receive his words and hide his commandments in our hearts, by doing so we learn wisdom from God. The Lord does not lead us into untruths or hurtful attitudes toward other people. He calms us and helps us to think through situations instead of having knee jerk reactions. Some of the things posted on these sites are much like a teenage boy getting a tattoo on his arm that says “I love Suzy.” Some years later he is engaged to LeAnn and is afraid to roll up his sleeve. Why not just tell Suzy you like her and not post it all over the web site where it may come back to bite you.

I know a little of what I am speaking. In high school we would get our year books before school was out. The day we got them we would spend most of the day getting classmates to sign our year books. Regretfully I wrote some things in a friend’s year book that I thought was really cool. In reality it was ugly and now I can only hope he has lost that particular one of his year books. We cannot make those things go away. I am hoping only a limited number of people will ever see those words.

I am praying that our people of Pleasant View will call upon the wisdom of God and use it not only with social media but in our daily conversation.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Randy Burtram