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PROVERBS 2:11-15

DISCRETION AND UNDERSTANDING KEEP YOU SAFE

According to the dictionary, discretion means the quality of showing good judgment. Understanding means the quality of analyzing a situation well, knowing the good points and bad points of a situation. Both discretion and understanding are the attributes of wisdom.

For example, you are having a cough but you feel like eating an ice-cream. However, before buying the ice-cream, with discretion and understanding, you will analyze what are the good and bad points of eating an ice-cream when you are having a cough. After analyzing it, you will choose not to do it.

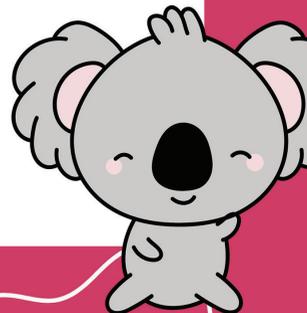
The Bible says that by having both discretion and understanding, you will be safe from the way of evil. When you have both of them, you will be unlikely to act inappropriately or say inappropriate words.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 2:11
Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.*

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a person of discretion and understanding. I long to live for You as a person with Godly character. Amen.





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PROVERBS 3:27-30

DO NOT DELAY DOING GOOD

God cares and is very interested in every aspect of your life including how you treat the people around you. Our God is a good God and obviously He wants you to be good to others. It might sound easy, but it is not always easy to be implemented in our daily life especially when dealing with someone who is not-so-nice to us.

God reminds His people to help those who need help within their ability. God does not expect you to do more than you can. But He certainly expects you not to do less than you can.

Helping others who are in need is not only a way to spread blessings, kindness and love. It is also one way how others can witness and see God's love in you. When the people you help are not yet God's believers, they might be interested to open their heart for Jesus because of your kindness.

Do not delay doing good to others as those moments might be the opportunity for you to be impactful on their lives.

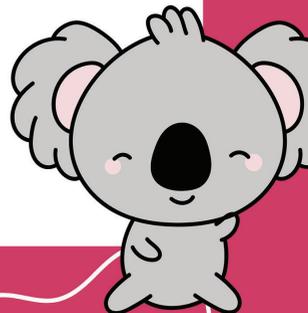
Key verse:

Proverbs 3:27

Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.

Prayer

Dear God, I want to do what I can do to help others so that I can give impactful blessings, love and kindness on their lives. Amen.





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PROVERBS 4:18-27

LIGHT OR DARKNESS?

According to the dictionary, a path is a way of life or the way a person walks throughout their life. King Solomon highlighted the difference between the path of the righteous and the wicked.

The righteous means someone who lives in accordance to what is right in the sight of God. King Solomon described that the path of a righteous person is like the light of dawn that shines in increasing brightness until the full light of day. Sunrise indicates a new day that starts with the initial beams of light at dawn. As the day goes on, the light will increase even brighter. The path of the righteous is full of light and they see clearly where to walk.

The path of the wicked is like darkness. It is like the earth without the sun, the moon or the star. Someone who walks in the dark tends to stumble on something and fall down.

May your lifestyle, words, attitude and thoughts be always in truth that shines the light of God.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 4:18
The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.*

Prayer

Dear God, guide me so that I will always choose the righteous path. Let it be less of me and more of You all throughout my life. Amen.





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PROVERBS 6:6-11

DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

Ants might be one of the smallest insects but they are known as the most hardworking insect ever. Even when there is no leader to lead or pressurize them, they will work relentlessly as they are disciplined and natural self-starters.

Ants are also well-planned and have foresight for their future. They store up foods for themselves in summer and harvest time so that they will have food during winter. Being lazy or being a last-minute creature is never in the ants' dictionary!

Just like the ants, be hardworking and well-planned, don't be lazy. Being lazy is like wasting your talent and life for nothing. When laziness becomes a habit, it will be hard to break it. Don't waste your life. Get up and do something with the opportunities that God has placed before you. The hard work you do right now will be an open-door for your future.

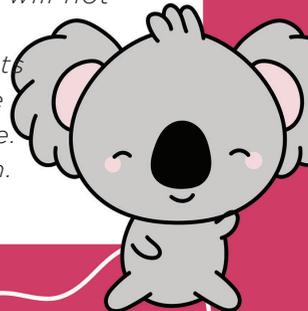
Whatever you do, let's do it for the glory of God. If you strive to be diligent and work hard, your life will be blessed!

Key verse:

*Proverbs 13:4
The lazy person will not get what he wants. But a hard worker gets everything he wants.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to be hardworking like the ants. I want to live my life to the fullest with the opportunities given by You so that I will not have regrets in the future. Amen.





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PROVERBS 9:7-9

WHO ARE THE SCOFFERS?

A scoffer is someone who insults and mocks at a person or idea in a way that shows that they think that person is silly. A scoffer voices his disagreement, ridicules all who stand against him and actively recruits others to join his side. You and I cannot totally escape the presence of the scoffers among us.

The Bible says that people who try to correct the scoffers will be rejected because such people do not accept any corrections or suggestions. Giving them corrections is like catching the wind. It is meaningless.

On the contrary, the wise and righteous person is open for advice and appreciates any corrections that make them better and increase their knowledge. Accepting corrections is not easy and it requires a humble heart.

Wise kids will stay humble and listen to what others have to say. Wise kids love to learn and will take any opportunity they can get to better themselves, even if it means setting their ego aside.

Would you like to be a scoffer or a wise kid?

Key verse:

Proverbs 10:17

The person who accepts corrections is on the way to life. But the person who ignores correction will be ruined.

Prayer

Dear God, give me a humble heart to always listen to all constructive corrections from others.

Amen.





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PROVERBS 11:9-15

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

A gossip is a person who knows about someone's secret and reveals the secrets to others. Sometimes, a gossip does not only reveal someone's information to others, but also creates false stories or statements about others. A gossip simply finds joy in talking about others.

God dislikes gossip because it can hurt others. It damages reputations, destroys friendships, breaks families and even demolishes someone's future. Those who engage in gossip do nothing but stirring up trouble and causing anger, bitterness and pain.

When your friend shares their secrets with you, it means they trust you. You have to keep their secret safe. Do not gossip around with it. It will only hurt your friend.

When someone starts to gossip, don't participate in it. Just change the subject, or simply walk away. Let's guard our mouth and tongue to refrain from the sinful act of gossiping.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 11:13
A person who gossips can't keep secrets. But a trustworthy person can keep a secret.*

Prayer

Dear God, help me to use my mouth wisely and keep my mouth to speak only appropriate things. Amen.





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PROVERBS 12:1-3

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Discipline is the practice of training people to obey rules, using punishment to correct disobedience. Learning is gaining knowledge through study or experience. Learning and discipline usually go hand in hand.

Being disciplined means submitting to the person who is in charge of teaching you, for example your teachers, your parents, your grandparents, your Sunday school teachers or even your big brother or sister.

Being disciplined also means you are willing to be corrected by them. Not only that, you have to admit your mistake and learn from the corrections. You need to understand that the correction is for your own good.

This particular verse also reminds you and me to be disciplined in learning the Bible. By reading the Bible you will get new knowledge every single day. You will be instructed to do good things and will be corrected when you are wrong. Never stop learning about God through the Bible, Kids!

Key verse:

*Proverbs 12:1a
Whoever loves
discipline loves
to learn..*

Prayer

*Dear God, I am
humbly eager
to learn about
You through the
Bible or through
my parents and
teachers. I am
ready to be
corrected when
I am wrong.
Amen.*

