



Where Do These Principles Come From ?

The principles in this brochure come from the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament of the Bible (Living Bible Translation). These wisdom principles have proven themselves over centuries of time. This is how they are introduced:

These are the proverbs of King Solomon of Israel, David's son: He wrote them to teach his people how to live--how to act in every circumstance, for he wanted them to be understanding, just, and fair in everything they did. "I want to make the simpleminded wise!" he said. "I want to warn young men about some problems they will face. I want those already wise to become wiser and become leaders by exploring the depths of meaning in these nuggets of truth." How does a man become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord! Only fools refuse to be taught. Proverbs 1:1-6

What about you? Are you growing in wisdom and understanding? With your current life trajectory, are you going to end up where you want to be in life? Do you think you will be satisfied? Have you taken the first step mentioned in the proverb above?

Further Action Steps You Can Take

Why not make a decision now to kick off some new priorities? You can email us at info@lifehelp.org. Or visit us at www.lifehelp.org and fill out the on-line Free Resource Coupon or request The 21 Day Faith Experiment. These are great next steps to living a life of purpose, impact and meaning. We are glad to help!

If you are already growing in your relationship with God and are looking for other opportunities to integrate faith, life, and work, please email us at info@priorityassociates.org and/or visit us at www.priorityassociates.org. We will help you take it to the next level. You may also be able to get help from the organization or individual who provided you this resource.

The wisdom contained in the enclosed principles when applied by leaders as they lead teams, companies, and organizations have a more profound impact than volumes of the latest strategies, pop leadership tools and management techniques.

Whereas many organizational development courses deal with techniques and externals of leadership and management, these principles of wisdom deal with the internal motivations of every human heart.

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Wisdom that Works @ Work II

For Emerging Leaders, Established Leaders, Businesses and Other Organizations



Connecting the Proven Wisdom of the Ages to the Workplace of Today

THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Have two goals: wisdom- that is, knowing and doing right- and common sense. Don't let them slip away, for they fill you with energy for living, deep satisfaction, and bring you honor and respect. They keep you safe from defeat and disaster and from stumbling off the trail.

Above all else, guard your affections, for they influence everything else in your life.

1. A KEY FIRST BUSINESS PRINCIPLE

- ♦ Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

2. BRAINSTORMING

- ♦ A friendly discussion is as stimulating as the sparks that fly when iron strikes iron.

3. CHEATING

- ♦ Ill-gotten gain brings no lasting happiness; right living does.

4. COMMUNICATION

- ♦ An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. Reliable communication permits progress.

5. COMMUNITY

- ♦ The whole city celebrates a good man's success.
- ♦ The good influence of godly citizens causes a city to prosper, but the moral decay of the wicked drives it downhill.

6. CORPORATE CULTURE

- ♦ God is more pleased when we are just and fair than when we give him gifts.

7. CORPORATE & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- ♦ With good men in authority, the people rejoice; but with the wicked in power, they groan.

8. CORRECTING PEOPLE

- ♦ If you rebuke a mocker, you will only get a smart retort; yes, he will snarl at you. So don't bother with him; he will only hate you for trying to help him. But a wise man, when rebuked, will love you all the more.
- ♦ Friendly suggestions are as pleasant as perfume.

9. CREDITORS

- ♦ Don't withhold repayment of your debts. Don't say "some other time," if you can pay now.

10. CUSTOMER CARE

- ♦ People curse the man who holds his grain for higher prices, but they bless the man who sells it to them in their time of need.
- ♦ Let me describe for you a worthless and a wicked man.... He is always thinking up new schemes to swindle people.

11. DEBT

- ♦ The borrower is servant to the lender.

12. DECISION MAKING

- ♦ What a shame- yes, how stupid!- to decide before knowing the facts!

13. EMPLOYEE REVIEW

- ♦ In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.

14. FORECASTING

- ♦ A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences.

15. HIRING

- ♦ Putting confidence in an unreliable man is like chewing with a sore tooth, or trying to run on a broken foot.
- ♦ The master may get better work from an untrained apprentice than from a skilled rebel!

16. INNOVATION

- ♦ The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.

17. INTEGRITY

- ♦ The Lord demands fairness in every business deal. He established this principle.

18. JUSTICE

- ♦ You should defend those who cannot help themselves.
- ♦ Evil men don't understand the importance of justice, but those who follow the Lord are much concerned about it.

19. LEGAL ADVICE

- ♦ The good man wins his case by careful argument; the evil-minded only wants to fight.
- ♦ Any story sounds true until someone tells the other side and sets the record straight.
- ♦ A rebel doesn't care about the facts. All he wants to do is yell.
- ♦ Punish false witnesses. Track down liars.

20. MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- ♦ Riches can disappear fast. And the king's crown doesn't stay in his family forever- so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds.

21. MENTORING

- ♦ Be with wise men and become wise. Be with evil men and become evil.

22. NATIONAL CULTURE

- ♦ Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble; but with good counselors there is safety.
- ♦ When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily; but with honest, sensible leaders there is stability.
- ♦ Where there is ignorance of God, crime runs wild; but what a wonderful thing it is for a nation to know and keep his laws.

23. PERSEVERANCE

- ♦ Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.

24. PLANNING

- ♦ A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't and even brags about it!
- ♦ Plans go wrong with too few counselors; many counselors bring success.
- ♦ We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands.

25. POOR

- ♦ Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.
- ♦ When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord- and he pays wonderful interest on your loan!
- ♦ Income from exploiting the poor will end up in the hands of someone who cares for them.

26. PROMISES

- ♦ God delights in those who keep their promises and abhors those who don't.

27. RESOURCE USE

- ♦ A lazy man won't even dress the game he gets while hunting, but the diligent man makes good use of everything he finds.

28. RIGHT FROM WRONG

- ♦ The Lord despises those who say that bad is good and good is bad.
- ♦ Stop listening to teaching that contradicts what you know is right.

29. TEAMWORK

- ♦ The glory of young men is their strength; of old men, their experience.

30. WISDOM

- ♦ A wise man is mightier than a strong man. Wisdom is mightier than strength.
- ♦ Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And with your wisdom, develop common sense and good judgment.
- ♦ A fool's fun is being bad; a wise man's fun is being wise!

(Further application and action steps on the back)

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