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*Subject:
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From the Pastor's Pen

Thank God for being God!

The blessing of God has always been available! Let us continue to trust Him and allow Him to lead us in the pathway of righteousness. It's been my privilege to represent God down through the years across the breadth and length of this country. Thank God for all He has done through me.

Accomplishments

As we continue to press on in the divine will of God; we continue to do great things. The bus is paid for and the boiler is repaired, the pipe is fixed that goes across the courtyard. We are continuing to support Commonwealth Community Development Academy and the Lord has provided every step of the way.

And now a word from the Lord...

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“Putting Wisdom to Work”

Life's testing times can be perplexing. I don't know all we will be faced with in 2020 or what will challenge us, but if we put wisdom to work we will make it. When we operate in the sphere of the wisdom of God, we can move on. When wisdom is at work in our mind and in our life, we look at life through lenses of perception and we respond to it in calm confidence. There is a remarkable absence for respect of God.

When we have respect for God we are not seized with panic. When you put wisdom to work you may dip into an unexpected valley or we can soar to the pinnacle of prosperity, we can cope with both extremes.

God's wisdom provides us the necessary objectivity and stability. We must understand that God is wisdom and wisdom is God. Wisdom only comes from God. That's what James says, Solomon says

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding Proverb 3:13. "The merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold". He said "she is more precious than rubies she, wisdom"! Look at chapter 3 vs. 17-22. But verse 3:19! "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth, by understanding hath he established the heavens'. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. So Solomon says forsake her not she shall preserve thee, love her, and she shall keep the "wisdom"! Wisdom is the principal thing. Our world has forsaken God. I fore stated that wisdom is God and God is wisdom. That's the way life is when it is lived in the palm of His hand.

This wisdom that I am talking about does not come from the world. Whether you're a business man or woman, a career person, single or married, young or old, you'll be pleased to know that this wisdom will work for you. Wisdom strengthens you. The more we glean God's wisdom, the more strength we gain to live with questions and tension. We need wisdom to avoid the pitfalls of gullibility of somethings. Godly wisdom also has a filtering system, it helps you to reject what is not good for you. Wisdom will help you to avoid the pitfalls in life. Godly wisdom also offers insight. As a matter of fact we cannot understand ourselves, nor can we make ourselves wise. Solomon said, I tested all this worldly wisdom, and I said, "I will be wise", but it was far from me. What has been remote and exceedingly mysterious, who can discover it? (Proverbs vs.23-24) Insight intimate relations are compelling but often unsatisfying. Look at the way Solomon approaches this insight. He says, I directed my mind to know, to investigate, and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness. (vs. 25) Solomon sought the counsel of people. He talked to men and women. He held dialogues with scholars and people on the streets. He pulled together all the information he could get, and what did he find? Nothing! James says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Godly wisdom will keep you stable. When life beats up on you; you can hold on under the blast of this evil world of crooks, criminals and crime, social problems, immoral ways, evil thinking, dope and drugs, we must put wisdom to work. When we put wisdom to work it will keep us stable in a world of confusion. Godly wisdom will clear your mind. We are surrounded by a number of persuasive and appealing vices, we need a filtering system that only wisdom can give. Godly wisdom will raise your level of discernment. God has the resources for evil times. God has the whole world in His hands, the wind, the waves, the little baby, even you and me. So in 2020, I got what it takes to handle what we will face in 2020. Wisdom is the God-given ability to see life with rare stability. The good news is that such wisdom is ours to claim through an intimate relationship with God's son, Jesus.

He is the channel through which wisdom comes to us. When Jesus is in your life, you are given open access to the wisdom of God. With the son of God comes the wisdom of God. Is wisdom guarding us from extremes? In our day of fanatical extremism, a wise balance will protect us from the lunatic fringe. The ragged-edge questions is not will His wisdom work? But rather are we putting His wisdom to work? Do you have a relationship with God through His only son? Jesus!!! Proverbs 1:19-1:20 "Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets". Proverbs vs 2:6 "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge". Proverbs 2:7 The "lord giveth sound wisdom for the righteous". Proverbs 2:10 when wisdom gets in the heart it gives direction. Proverbs 2:11 says wisdom & discretion shall preserve thee. Proverbs 2:12 wisdom will deliver thee from evil people. Proverbs 3:13 says wisdom will make you happy nothing is comparable with wisdom. Proverbs 3:19 look at what God used to create the world.

Church, Proverbs 4:5 get you some wisdom!!!

