

Wisdom's Children
Prov.8:32-36; Lk.7:35
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Last weeks lesson gave some direction on how a person could make their life better. The conclusion for life improving is to let God and His wisdom rule in our lives. When our choices, all of them, are guided by the wisdom that comes down from heaven, then the outcome of all our choices improves by leaps and bounds. There is little excuse for a person to cry: "it's not my fault!" when it clearly is their fault. When all their decisions are made from the wisdom that comes from the earth they reap gloom n death.

The normal response to the situations of life is to respond from the comfort zone. For most this comfort zone is to react in the same fashion as what has been accepted as the "right" response by our life guides. A life guide is anyone, real or fictitious, who has modeled this kind of solution to a similar situation. This life guide can be a movie character, a parent or relative, a friend and even an enemy.

This tendency to react without due consideration to outcome, whether short term or long, still leaves a person totally accountable for the choice. The consequences of all our choices are non-transferable. Oh the consequences may have collateral and ripple effect but the person of reaction still owns the effects of their choices.

There is good news and also bad news to all this. The good news is that there is forgiveness in Jesus Christ for all our wrong choices. (Repentance, required for forgiveness, demands by its very definition to change directions so that that choice is not desired again.) The Bad news is that forgiveness (the removal of guilt) does not eliminate the consequences of poor choices.

Every day each of us is confronted by hundreds of choices. How you react to each of those opportunities is entirely up to you. You will bear the responsibility and the consequence. Since you are the one who is accountable

and the one who reaps the rewards of the choices, Would it be wise to seek better responses to the confrontations life sends our way? (It would.)

Proverbs 8:32-36 (35-36) ***For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death.*** All of chapter 8 deals with wisdom and what or who it is and what its value can be. Wisdom calls out and understanding also (verse 1, 4) Wisdom was there before creation, wisdom was employed throughout the whole process of creation. (Verse 30) (read the whole chapter and see why wisdom from above is valued so highly. James 3:13-18)

Jesus tells us that: ***wisdom is proved right by all her children.*** (Lk.7:35) Wisdom of the earth, fleshly and devilish, produces children of darkness and destruction. Children who's lives are a disaster, children who cry 'its not my fault, I'm a victim.' And they will suffer the consequences of all their choices. (look at the outcome of the lives of the people you know - which wisdom has influenced their choices?) (outcome shows which wisdom)

Wisdom from heaven produces children of life, and light, and truth, and peace, and blessing. Children of heavenly wisdom grow up to handle their lives with integrity taking responsibility for the outcome of their choices. In maturity owning what is theirs to possess. They will bear the out come of past choices but as they grow and mature, the future they inherit improves with every better choice made. (not only a better present but a better future)

The greatest choice in wisdom anyone can make is choosing to become a child of God; the second is choosing to live as one. (Eph.5:8-17) Every choice from then on needs to be driven by the Spirit that now leads the child of God. (the child born from heavenly wisdom) (Rm.8:5-16)As a child of God we each are compelled to use heavens wisdom daily before a watching world.