

# Daily View

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13*

September 29, 2020

Weather in Folsom: H97° L64° Air Quality Index (AQI) today: *moderate*

## Blessed Are the Wise

If I was given a choice between being wise and receiving a Ph.D from Harvard when I was younger I would have chosen the latter, without question. A doctorate from an Ivy League university has utilitarian value. You get instant respect from most people; you have “credentials” and people assume you’re smart. You probably will never be out of work and you would be given every opportunity to succeed.

I wasn’t given that choice and with all due respect to the Ph.D’s in the world, if I was given a choice today, I’d take wisdom, without a moment’s hesitation. Highly educated people are not necessarily wise and wise people are not necessarily highly educated. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: some of the wisest people I have ever met had very little formal education (of course, there can be great value in having both).

Proverbs 3:13-35 spells out the value of wisdom. In a way, it defines “wisdom” for us. It is more precious than jewels, nothing can compare with it; it give you long-life, riches and honor, peace, and adorns (“decorates”) your life. Wisdom allows you to walk securely and avoid missteps and sleep peacefully, and never be afraid.

These benefits are followed by commands or tests: five “do not’s” (doing them would prove you are not wise). And finally, the reminder that the Lord’s blessing is on the wise but the Lord’s curse is on the foolish.

While Proverbs emphasizes the practical benefits of being wise, the New Testament tells us where to get it. Look at James 1:5,

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

*Wait, what??* To have all the benefits of wisdom all I have to do is ask and God will lavish it on me?? Well, yes, sort of. But note that James adds a condition: “if any of you lacks wisdom...” God gives wisdom — generously and without a warning or lecture — but only if you realize that you are never wise enough. Many, in their conceit, disqualify themselves from receiving wisdom from God.

For all these benefits and for all its value, I would think we would pray for wisdom several times a day. What more do you need to get through the day?

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,  
for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.  
She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.  
The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;  
by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.  
My son, do not lose sight of these—  
keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.  
Then you will walk on your way securely,  
and your foot will not stumble.  
If you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
Do not be afraid of sudden terror  
or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,  
for the Lord will be your confidence  
and will keep your foot from being caught.  
Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to do it.  
Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.  
Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.  
Do not contend with a man for no reason,  
when he has done you no harm.  
Do not envy a man of violence  
and do not choose any of his ways,  
for the devious person is an abomination to the Lord,  
but the upright are in his confidence.  
The Lord’s curse is on the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.  
Toward the scorners he is scornful,  
but to the humble he gives favor.  
The wise will inherit honor,  
but fools get disgrace. — *Proverbs 3:13-35*

\*Unless otherwise indicated the opinions expressed in this publication and images used are solely those of David Posey.  
Email me at [dpaulposey@mac.com](mailto:dpaulposey@mac.com) or text me at (530) 558-5057