

Who Is A Wise Person?

An interesting question. Man's interest in wisdom dates back to Adam and Eve. The serpent used the promise of such to tempt Eve (Genesis 3:4-6).

There is a distinction between education and wisdom. Both a parrot and a fool can be educated. But wisdom is "the ability to judge soundly and deal sagaciously with facts, especially as they relate to life and conduct" (Webster). The only true wisdom is that which descendeth from above (James 3:17).

A Wise Person Is One Who:

- Respects parents (Proverbs 13:1; 15:5)
- Harkens to counsel (Proverbs 12:15).
- Refraineth his lips (Proverbs 10:19, 29:11)
- Wins souls (Proverbs 11:30).
- Hears and obeys the Lord (Matthew 7:24-27)
- Fears evil and departs from it (Proverbs 14:16)

Are You A Wise Person?

- Author Unknown, via *The Granite Guardian*

What Can I Do?

Like Paul - forget those things which are behind and press forward.

Like David - lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

Like Abraham - trust implicitly in my God.

Like Enoch - walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father

Like Jehosaphat - prepare my heart to seek the Lord.

Like Moses - choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Like Daniel - commune with God at all times and in all places.

Like Job - be patient under all circumstances.

Like Joshua & Caleb - refuse to be discouraged because of a superior number of foes.

Like Joseph - turn my back on seductive advances.

Like Gideon - advance, even though my friends are few.

Like Aaron & Hur - uphold the hands of my minister and the leaders of the church with my prayers and support.

Like Andrew - strive to lead my brother to Christ.

Like Stephen - manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt.

Like Jesus - go about doing good.

- via *The Biblical Messenger*, San Angelo, TX

When the world gets you down, look up to God.

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS: Elizabeth Call, Donna Parsons.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: Eva Sharp (Elaine McClung's mother), P.O. Box 1914, Fairmont, WV 26554; Emily Martin (11 year old daughter of Mike Martin, granddaughter of Russell & Margie Martin); James R. Carbone (grandson of Helene Wilson), Martinsburg City Hospital, Room 525, Martinsburg, WV 25401; Richard Clutter (Eva Stefl's brother),

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this worthwhile project.

PANTRY: Canned fruit.

SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: Next week, August 26th, following the worship period.

SICK & SHUT-IN: City Hospital: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Pauline Clutter, Don Reynolds, Betty Wilson (Margie Martin's mother), Diane Robinson, Wade Sprout, Bobby Hadley (son of Bob & Pat Hadley), Dan Williams (Sharon's husband), Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

THE BEST IS YET TO BE

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

How great and how good God is! His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "God is," as the song says, "the fountain whence ten thousand blessings flow." James, the Lord's brother, tells us that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights.

Basking in the sunlight of God's love and enjoying the unsearchable riches of Christ, the Christian should be a perpetual optimist. Phillips Brooks once wrote, "Life is full of ends, but every end has a new beginning." That's the view of the optimist. The Christian will come to ends, but no dead end. One never knows the beauty round the bend.

The best is never over - the best is never gone

There's always something lovely to keep you struggling on

There's a compensation for every cross you bear

A secret consolation is hidden somewhere

Ends are new beginnings as one day you will see

The BEST is never over, the BEST is yet to be.

- by Charles Cash, Siloam Springs, AR

Lectures & Meetings

Middle Fork	----- Aug. 20-24	----- F. Higginbotham
Barrackville	----- Aug. 26-30	----- F. Higginbotham
CHESTER	----- Sept. 16-20	----- Roger Rush