

The Loco Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL!!!



Proverbs 2:6

*For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come
knowledge and
understanding;*

2 Timothy 3:16

*All Scripture is given by
inspiration of God, and is
profitable for doctrine, for
reproof, for correction, for
instruction in righteousness,*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all
your heart, and do not lean
on your own understanding.
In all your ways
acknowledge him, and he
will make straight your
paths.*

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It is that time of the year when we say goodbye to summertime- family vacations and kids out of school. Now it is time to head back to the halls of education. Why do we have to learn stuff if God provides us with all we need?

MOSES, THE EDUCATED

The Bible is pro-education, but it must be tied to godly wisdom or it turns out to be foolishness. Just a quick reading of the proverbs tells us that. Moses was no exception as it was written of him *"At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds"* (Acts 7:20-22). This education served Moses well when he started to help administer the civil laws and codes for the nation of Israel. He also acted as a judge for the people. The science, law, architecture, writing, history, mathematics, and other disciplines were all part of the educational system of Egypt and must have come in handy for his dealings with Israel in the Wilderness. The building of the tabernacle, the writing of the laws and codes, the sanitation laws, and so on would have been next to impossible if Moses had not been highly educated.

PAUL, THE SCHOLAR AND PHILOSOPHER

Paul studied under one of the most brilliant men of all time. His name was Gamaliel. Paul said of himself that he was *"a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day"* (Acts 7:3). Paul continued in his writings to the church at Philippi saying *"If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless"* (Phil 3:4b-6). Paul, according to early church historians and biblical scholars, may have been the greatest mind of his time. Few could out-whit him, out-debate him and exceed his knowledge of the law and of the Scriptures. If education was bad, then why did God use Paul as one of the greatest of all apologists and Bible (Old Testament) scholars, specifically when he reasoned with the Greeks from their own poets on Mar's Hill (Acts 7:22-34)? Wouldn't you have loved to hear that message?

THE BIBLE ON EDUCATION OR WISDOM

Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Clearly, knowledge begins and ends with the fear of the Lord, which means a deep, abiding, holy reverential fear and respect.

Proverbs 24:3-7 "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the gate he does not open his mouth."

It takes godly wisdom to build and have understanding to be established and it is only by knowledge that true riches are acquired, and the true riches are found not only in the wisdom literature but in the whole Word of God, starting in Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. In between these pages you will find no greater wisdom, education, and knowledge in the entire world.

CONCLUSION

James reminds us that education or wisdom, not exactly the same thing, can be received by God as he writes *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him"* (James 1:5) however the *"wisdom of the world is foolishness to God"* (1 Cor 3:19) but godly wisdom is of great value. I have heard of many an educated fool. God mocks the educated fools of the earth through Paul writing *"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world"* (1 Cor 1:20). In time God *"will destroy the wisdom of the wise"* (1 Cor 1:19) for it was by *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools"* (Rom 1:22). It is better to seek *"the wisdom from above [which] is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere"* (James 3:17).

Excerpts from "What does the Bible say about education- A Christian Study"

Upcoming Events

August 5th: 1st Sunday Meal following morning services. Back to School Water Bash and Ice Cream Supper after meal.

August 19th: Church Conference (after services)

August 26th: Called Conference (to vote on new teachers and positions)

August 26th: Brotherhood (in Fellowship Hall 0800)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Diane Dekreon August 1st Ethan Leclerc August 14th Lane Parton August 17th

Mary Goldman August 26th Kaitlyn Raley August 30th

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Wednesday nights.*