

A Substance to Create Success

- The Learning Curve
- Often Purchased through frustration / Difficulty
- Someone has to be the first to learn
- This is what we mean:
- Learning the easy way
- Learning the hard way

Experience & Success

- Only gleaned by personal and/or shared experiences:
- Someone has to experience the frustration of working out a difficult problem before others can gain the benefit of that experience!
- Inventors, Chemists, Physicists
- Sometimes the initial breakthrough takes a lifetime. But after that building on it – easier
- We all want people of this caliber as our mechanic; surgeon, service tech, sales personnel, and teacher!

Common & Consistent Problems

- Greatest key to wisdom!
- Physics, Chemistry, Physiology etc. always operate same way.
- Problems: Rules are broken.
- Wisdom:
 - A. See broken rule know how to fix.
 - B. Know principles and don't break rules

The Great Value of Scripture!

- *That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been long ago, in the ages which were before us. 11 There is no remembrance of the former (generations); neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter (generations) that are to come, among those that shall come after. Ecc 1:9-11*

Man Emotions & Environment

- The most enjoyable and profitable reason for studying the Bible.
- Gives us the wisdom to apply previous circumstances to similar ones we face today
- When we find the parallels
- Draw the proper conclusions
- Avoiding the consequences
- Reap the benefits

Comfort & Patience

- Rom 15:4 Positive
- Heb 11:1-12:2 Positive
- I Cor 10:11-12 Negative

The Promise

- *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
James 1:5-8*

- Like the Psalmist so long ago, by reading the Bible the following great things will happen:
- Testimonies become our counselor: Ps 119:24
- make one wiser than their enemies: Ps 119:98
- more understanding than all teachers Ps 119:99
- Understand more than the ancients Ps 119:100
- Lamp to our feet / light to our path Ps 119:105

The Scriptures Contain the Substance

- *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Ps 19:7-14*

Scripture Contains the Substance

- *Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Ps 19:7-14*

Complete: Thoroughly Equipped!

- *and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2Tim 3:15-17*

Ps 119:127-135

- *Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold! 128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way. 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. 131 I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.*

Ps 119:127-135

● *132 Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name. 133 Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts. 135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.*

Prov 1:1-7

- *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know **wisdom and instruction**, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the **instruction of wisdom**, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion — 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise **wisdom and instruction**.*