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(#164) The Proverbs of Solomon 24:3-6- Wisdom Builds Houses and Lives

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 24:3-6:

Through 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 strong, yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; for by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

Building a house is an illustration of applied wisdom: the dream is expressed, detailed plans are made and then followed. Every house follows this procedure, therefore every house is an expression of wisdom.

For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. (**Hebrews 3:4**)

"Wisdom" shows the thoughtfulness of the plan; "understanding" shows the application to the materials; "knowledge" completes the details of the plan in building a house.

When wisdom is applied to life, itself, it's a strengthening exercise that makes one "strong." A truly "wise" person first "knows" what should be the right course of action; second, realizes his/her personal, individual responsibility in "war;" third, knows to gather various opinions from "counselors" (advisors) to see if there may be other factors to consider.

"Knowledge" gives "strength" to overcome many situations when "fools" don't know what to do:

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. (**1 Peter 2:8**)

"War" should not always just be associated with violent conflict between nations, but also with the spiritual "war" each one of us must fight:

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Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

It does no good to just follow the majority opinion, for the majority is not always right, as those who recommended sailing against the inspired prophetic advisory of Paul ([Acts 27:9-21](#)) found out!

Another proverb teaches this same principle:

- If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. ([Proverbs 24:10](#))

A wise man/ woman will build a strong house, preparing for the storms of life by obeying the wisdom of Jesus Christ ([Matthew 7:24-27](#)).

