

SPEND WISELY

ow have you been spending the pocket money given by your parents? Have you been buying cute and adorable erasers even though you still have many new and unused erasers at home? Have you been saving money from your pocket money or do you always spend your money on stuff that you don't really need?

Your parents or teachers teach you how to use your money wisely. The Bible also teaches us how to be a wise spender. We need to be wise with the resources God has given us. One of the ways is by setting a budget. Before buying something, you might also want to give a second thought if you really need it. Buying things does not always bring pleasure to you.

It is always good to save up. In the future, you can use your saving when you need it. You are not too young to start being a wise spender.

Key verse:

Proverbs 21:17 Whoever loves pleasure will become poor. Whoever loves wine and rich food will never be wealthy.

Prayer

Dear God, may
I find pleasure
only in You who is
eternal. As much
as I enjoy all the
blessings You
have given me, I
also want to be
wise and sparing
in utilizing them.
Amen.





THE GOLDEN GODLY VIRTUE

hat are your virtues? Virtue is the quality of being morally good. Virtue is priceless. The Bible mentions these golden Godly virtues: having a great character and reputation. Both character and reputation are so important that both are more valuable than gold or silver. You are who you are based on your character and reputation.

Since young, let's start training ourselves consistently with all diligence to live in accordance to God's words.

The bigger and older you are, the harder the process of the training might be. However, as long as you do not give up and as long as you keep your faith to our loving Father in heaven, there will be a beautiful result. A properly trained child will fear God and live with golden Godly virtues as an adult.

Key verse:

Proverbs 22:6
Train a child
how to live the
right way. Then
even when he is
old, he will still
live that way.

Prayer

Dear God, let me grow with the Godly characters for the glory of Your name. Amen.





I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, DAD & MUM!

our dad and mum's desire is to raise you to be a person with Godly characters.

Your dad works hard because he wants to provide you with a comfortable house, good school, delicious food, beautiful clothes and new toys.

Your mum has sacrificed lots of things for you too. She had you in her tummy for nine months. She always puts her best effort in caring for you and she tirelessly provides food, clothing, bedding, and countless other comforts for you.

You dad and mum deserve your respect. Obey them and treat them with respect. That will definitely make them happy!

Key verse:

Proverbs 23:25 Make your father and mother happy.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for my parents. They have sacrificed so much for me. Help me to be as loving to them as they have been to me. Amen.





OBSERVE LIFE WELL

This Proverbs writes about someone who saw someone's field that was messy and full of weeds. That field belonged to a lazy man. The writer was so observant and concluded that laziness was the cause of this. He had witnessed the consequences of being lazy and he could actually learn from that lazy man. Whenever he sensed that he himself was being lazy, this lesson would be there in the back of his mind to remind and correct him.

You and I can actually learn wisdom from other people's mistakes. When we see someone's mistakes, it should be a warning for us so that we won't make the same mistake. If we pay attention to the little things that we observe in life and meditate upon the significance of them, we can actually learn great lessons and gain wisdom.

Your life is more than just your social media or your mobile phone. Keep your eyes open and observe life wisely. There are plenty of good things that can be learned from everyday life.

Key verse:

Psalm 106:3 Blessed are those who observe justice, who practice righteousness at all times.

Prayer

Dear God, I open my eyes to observe the things around me. I am eager to keep learning and gain more wisdom every single day. Amen.





OVERCOME EVIL WITH KINDNESS

When you have been hurt by someone, you naturally will want to hurt that person back. It is the beginning of a conflict and tends to be bound in the endless cycle of conflicts if it is not stopped.

The Bible tells us not to repay evil for evil but instead repay good for evil. It's hard, but God promised at least four blessings when you do so, such as:

- 1. Our life will be happier.
- 2. Our life will be transformed to be more like Jesus.
- 3. We can help our enemies to know God.
- $4.\ \mbox{lt}$ pleases the Lord and He promised to reward us.

Since we are going to leave 2020 soon, let's leave behind all the hurtful memories and forgive your enemies. Let's start a new year with a new cleansed heart. If you respond with kindness, you will be regarded as the hero. It's very difficult to do so, but God will reward you for it.

Key verse:

Proverbs 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink.

Prayer

Dear God, I forgive _____ and clean my heart from all the hatred and anger towards him/her. Give me strength to show kindness to him/her. Amen.





SHARPENING ONE ANOTHER

ow many friends do you have on Facebook? How many are your followers and how many are you following in your Instagram? How many of them are actually your real friends?

This Proverbs says that real friendship is like iron sharpening iron. Iron sharpening iron obviously implies at least two pieces of iron helping each other to be sharp. It would be impossible for one tool to become sharper without the presence of the other.

Just like the two blades sharpening each other, if you have a true best friend, both of you will help each other to grow stronger and be a better person. Both of you will encourage and correct each other sincerely, and build each other to become better and more mature. Both of you will be praying for one another.

You are blessed indeed if you have at least one true friend. Pray to God so that He will place some people around you who will be your true friends.

Key verse:

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, let me be a true friend to my best friends, a friend that gives a positive impact on their lives. Amen.





BE BRAVE LIKE LIONS!

Intering a new year might instill a small amount of fear into your heart. You might be a little bit scared about entering a new school or class and meet new faces.

These Proverbs remind you and me to be bold and brave lions! Lions have famously acquired the title of 'King of the Jungle'. Lions fear no other animals.

In the new year, 2021, a new list of blessings is waiting for us, and at the same time, the devil, our enemy, is also waiting for a chance to attack us. Be as bold as a lion because God will be with you throughout the year.

Praise God for the blessings He has stored for you and me in 2021. Do not run away from problems. They are nothing compared to God's power in your life. You will find that there is nothing to be scared of as long as you walk with God.

Key verse:

Proverbs 28:1
The wicked
are afraid of
everything, but
those who live
right are as
brave as lions.

Prayer

Dear God, I am not scared to face 2021 because You hold my future and I can securely face tomorrow. Amen.

