

Wisdom and Zeal

Rachel's Dream: "Wisdom and Zeal must be Married together." (adamant)
youth can have wisdom, old can have zeal (looks different)
we each need both, but age is a factor (tendencies)

Biblical Wisdom

(Jas 3:13) ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

1. Wisdom is revealed by Conduct (vs Speech)

(Mt 11:18-19) ¹⁸"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."

intellect/belief/theory vs reason/truth/experience ~ tested/results

(Heb 5:13-14) ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Experience (if we use/learn from it)

2. Wisdom is Meek

(Jas 3:17) ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

This kind of Wisdom takes Time, Experience and Humility to obtain.

Generational Ministry

(Mal 4:5-6) ⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

It's Essential we have hearts for Generational Ministry.

(Ac 2:17-18) ¹⁷"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

Because God does not pour out His Spirit on Divisions of the church.

(ex: adults at youth renewal)

(Mk 10:9) ⁹"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

We must actively resist the enemies attempts to separate generations.

Vision: Practical aspects of Marriage (Generations)

Experience vs Energy

Resources vs Availability

Wisdom vs Relevance (Innovation)

youth: don't let lack of relevance rob you of their wisdom

Common Goal

(Pr 4:5-9) ⁵Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her. ⁹She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

Wisdom/Understanding is the combination of Knowledge and Experience

It must be pursued. (Bible, books, teachings, etc)

It's wise to learn from other's experiences. (pride)

If you want spiritual wisdom you must pursue spiritual experiences.

(ex: learning deliverance)

Generational Partnership

We must invest our hearts in other generations, going both ways.

Older: Serve (have something to offer)

ex: combined youth ~ older serve younger

COTR Demographics

Loving Spiritual Mothers and Fathers - can only offer, can always pray

Anna and Simeon - not retired, praying into next move of God

Heart to set them up for success.

Younger: Honor

Heart to see yourselves as partners, not replacements.