

WEEK 2 - GOD'S INTENTION

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A Wise Woman Builds Her Home

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DAY 1- UNDERSTANDING THE CHARACTER OF GOD

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

God, in all His excellence and majesty, is not a tyrant King. When we begin to understand the heart of God for humanity, we stop fearing the vulnerability it takes to be a good leader and to live with wisdom. There is a kindness and a love that comes from God that leads you and I to repentance.

When we live with the fear of getting hurt, we begin to hurt others as a means to protect ourselves.

Wisdom is knowing that power, not just knowledge, comes from God. God empowers you and I to love with a love that is a reflection of Him. God is love. So is wisdom. Love and wisdom go hand-in-hand.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7	GOD	LOVE	WISDOM
Patience & Kindness	God is patient and kind	Love is patient and kind	The foundation of wisdom is love. It requires patience even when things don't look good.
Envy, boastfulness & pride	God is not envious, boastful or prideful. He does what's best for us with pure intentions.	Love does not boast or keep record of wrong. Love has pure intentions, no matter what.	Wisdom does not do anything out of envy, pride or boastfulness. Wisdom works with pure intentions.
Selfishness	God is not selfish. He is considerate of you.	Love is not selfish. It rejoices in seeing others win. It always sees the bigger picture.	Wisdom's only objective is to carry God's heart- which is to see others win. It's about the bigger picture.
Evil vs Truth & protection	God is Truth. Evil cannot prevail where there is truth.	Love thrives with Truth. Love protects.	Wisdom begins with truth. Knowing the truth and living in truth.

Take a screenshot of this table to have with you and use it as a reminder.

If we do not know the character of God, we will not comprehend the essence of wisdom.

DAY 2- THE ROLE OF THE WOMAN (EDEN)

"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Deuteronomy 30:19

Let's take it back to the beginning. God created women to be builders.

The word 'helper' in Genesis is translated as *Ezer* in Hebrew. Although, in plain English language, it means helper, the original word actually means ally, shield or rescuer. A person who comes running when people cry out for help. A hero.

The same word [ezer] was used to describe God in Deuteronomy 33:26-29

We see this in the way that women are naturally inclined to nurture, create something from nothing, empower, persevere and thrive. Women are builders, restorers, pioneers and God's plan to bring life here on earth. After all, heroes preserve and save lives, yes?

When we speak about life, I'm not just talking about the woman's miraculous ability to bring a child to the world. When you understand the intentionality of God (along with His character) you will begin to understand that life does not stop when a child is born. A child needs to be raised well, in an environment that will empower them to grow up healthy and strong.

This means that bringing life into this world entails more than physically giving birth. And it certainly is not limited to having a child. It involves whatever task or opportunity God has given you to steward. Creating life works hand-in-hand with how you treat what God has given you, the words you speak over it and the work you put into it.

Remember that your words should be life-giving. How you speak about someone else is either producing life or death. How you think about yourself is either giving life or death.

*"The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21*

Wisdom is knowing which words give life, and which ones bring death. You are called to bring life.

DAY 3- WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11

The same way words have power to give life or death, names are powerful too.

The most powerful Name that has ever existed, here on earth, in the heavens and below, is the Name of Jesus. In His Name there is salvation, healing and freedom from anything. In the Name of Jesus, every knee bows and every tongue confesses; He alone is the One true God and King. He is the Messiah.

We are learning about God, who is the source of wisdom, as we continue to get to know His character and intention, let us get into learning His Names.

God's character can be found in His Names. Throughout the bible, He revealed Himself to different people who needed Him in their situation. His character revealed to them did not just give them the knowledge of who He is, but it empowered them. Remember, wisdom is not just divine knowledge, it is divine empowerment.

These are some of the Names of God that I'd love to highlight in this study.

- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)
- Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- Elohim (God- Mighty One and Supreme)
- El Qanna (Jealous)

DAY 4- WHAT'S IN A CHOICE?

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Let's take a moment to pause.

What is your relationship with God like? We all fall short and mess up, but that's why there's grace available and forgiveness for those who repent. (Romans 3:23)

It wouldn't be right to continue without giving you the chance to seek the Lord, repent, and give your life to Him. It's the foundation needed to start and continue with this journey.

Repentance can be a scary word when you don't know the meaning. Especially for those whose minds have been brainwashed by religion and religious thinking.

Repentance simply means that you know that you are nothing without Jesus, and you know we were all born into sin and are in need of a savior, as a result, you have to choose to follow Jesus. Not in order to become perfect in the standards of the world, but to become like Him. Repentance is turning your back against a life that was lived without Jesus as your savior, and receiving all that He is so that you can live with Him and for Him. Repentance is saying 'no' to the world, no to sin, asking for forgiveness and saying 'yes' to Jesus, and walking with Him.

The truth is, God loves you more than you know. He loves you more than anything you can achieve in this world and more than anything you could ever build. He wants you, He wants your heart. And He wants you to know His love for you. Let Him into your heart. Choose God.

Prayer

God, I thank You for the gift of life. I recognise that life was made to be lived with You. Without You, there is no life. I commit/recommit my life to You. I thank You for Your Son Jesus, who died for my sins. Make me a vessel of Your love. I turn away from my sins and I ask that You forgive me. Cover me with Your love and with Your blood. I receive Jesus as my Lord and savior, and I accept His Lordship in my life. I declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, and Lord of my life. I receive the fulness of the life God intended for me to live. I choose You. In Jesus' Name. Amen

DAY 5- GOD REVEALED

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13*

God reveals Himself to us. He does not need performance or anything fancy from you. He doesn't need your perfection. All He needs is an open and receptive heart.

Prayer

God, I thank You for making me in Your image. Help me to find You in every moment of my life. Teach me to pursue You with all my heart and with all my mind. Help me not to live according to the worldly standards of perfection, and may I find myself, my identity and my will to live in You. In Jesus' Name. Amen