## THE WISDOM HANDBOOK

## <u>101 THINGS WISE PEOPLE DO</u>

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(Proverbs 14:35)

Wise people act differently. They think differently. They speak differently. They solve problems differently and they handle things differently. Wise people do not live a common life because they do not do common things. Wisdom is the most important thing on the earth because it is the foundational tool for making Godly decisions. When you do what wise people do you will receive the rewards that they receive. A wise servant lives in the **CENTER** of God's favor. Proverbs 14:35 says "A Kings favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him that causeth shame". (KJV)

## WHAT DO WISE PEOPLE DO?

- Wise people **THINK** before they act. (They understand that their thoughts run their life according to Proverbs 4:23)
- Wise people **IGNORE** negative insults. (They do not pour their energy into what is negative they focus on what is positive.)
- Wise people **HONOR** authority. (They understand the consequences for disobeying authority so in order to avoid trouble they honor authority.)
- Wise people SUBMIT to God. (They understand that God is supreme and no one comes before Him.)

• Wise people **DO NOT** gossip. (Wise people recognize that gossiping will only dilute their influence and not expand their influence.)

• Wise people **KEEP** their word & maintain their integrity. (They know that their integrity is the seed to producing their currency.)

 Wise people DO NOT complain. (They don't complain because they know God hates it and it solves nothing.)

• Wise people **ACCEPT CORRECTION** from other wise people. (Wise people know & understand that correction is the seed for change and progression.)

• Wise people **REJECT** what is evil. (They know that evilness is not rewarded by God but it is punished by Him.)

• Wise people stand up for **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (They understand that you cannot be holy if you are not righteous. They know that God honors righteousness.)

- Wise people **DO NOT** trust people without testing them first. (They know that people are flaky and unpredictable so before they sow into the soil, they will always test it first.)
- Wise people do not waste money, they **MULTIPLY** it. (They have come to realize that money is suppose to work for them and not them work for money.)
- Wise people focus on doing **GOOD** things so they can protect and preserve their reputation. (Wise people know the value of their reputation. They realize that the way people see them is the way they will treat them.)
- Wise people **PRACTICE HUMILITY**. (Wise people have a desire to be exalted by God so they practice humility so that God can honor His Word. Matthew 23:12)

- Wise people CONTROL their tempers. (They know that calming words will create peace & understanding. Wise people look to establish peace and not chaos. They avoid arguments because they know it solves nothing.)
- Wise people are not bias, they are **FAIR**. (Wise people have studied the character of God & they desire to emulate that character by being fair to everyone.)
- Wise people provide and TAKE CARE of their family. (They know the worst thing a person can do is to abandon their own family because God said that person is worst than an unbeliever. 1st Timothy 5:8)
- Wise people trust in the Lord & NOT in themselves. (Wise people will never put their trust in a flawed vessel knowing that it will fail when they can trust a flawless God who can't fail.)

 Wise people LEND to the poor because they understand that it is LOAN unto God. (Wise people understand that lending to the poor inspires God to be generous to them.)

Wise people ANTICIPATE what is coming ahead so they can PREPARE for it.
 (Wise people recognize that the only way to avoid being blind sided is by having the vision to see what is coming.)

• Wise people **LEARN** from their mistakes. (Wise people know how to view their mistakes which is why they know how to turn tragedy into triumph.)

 Wise people HEED to warnings. (They know that heeding to a warning is the only way to avoid destruction.) • Wise people FINISH what they start because there is NO reward for incompletion. (Wise people know how to get results. They know that finishing what they start will always generate a reward.)

Wise people seek after CLARITY & UNDERSTANDING in every situation.
 (Wise people know that getting understanding & clarity will increase their level of intelligence.)

• Wise people put God **FIRST**. (They put God first because they recognize His value.)

 Wise people FEAR the Lord. (Wise people fear the Lord because they know it is the beginning of knowledge.)  Wise people WATCH what they say because they understand that life & death is in the power of the tongue. (Wise people value their words because words changes situations.)

- Wise people **DO NOT** make quick decisions, they make **CALCULATED** decisions. (They understand this vital principal, decisions decide seasons! Their understanding of this principal causes them to honor their power to make decisions.)
- Wise people do not pursue their dream they PURSUE THEIR PURPOSE.
  (They know the difference between a dream and a purpose. Wise people chase the plan of God & not their own ideas.)
- Wise people DO NOT fight every enemy the same way, they are
  STRATEGIST. (Wise people have been taught to look at people differently. They focus on the position that a person holds to determine the kind of attack that will

be launched against them first. For example, they don't attack people in authority, they endure them.)

- Wise people pay their bills on time to **PROTECT** their credibility. (Wise people know the value and rewards for having a good name.)
- Wise people do not walk into trouble, they **AVOID** it. (They are smart enough to know that it is better to avoid trouble than to face it. Avoiding trouble reduces stress, worry and pain.)
- Wise people **SOLVE** problems, they **DO NOT** magnify them. (Wise people solve problems so they can increase their value on the earth. They understand that if they can't solve people's problems they are unnecessary.)

Wise people DO NOT wait on men, they wait on God. (They know what the Bible says, God commands us to wait on Him, but it is optional to wait on men. Wise people are always focused on following God's commands.)

• Wise people **PLAN FOR THE WORSE** but **EXPECT THE BEST**. (Wise people believe in being prepared because they understand that it is the only way to defeat the spirit of worrying.)

• Wise people are **PATIENT**. They would rather wait for what is great than to settle for what is good. (Wise people never settle for less when they know greater is available. Wise people get the best because they pursue the best!)

 Wise people NEVER settle for less because they KNOW better is always available. (They can discern what other people are blind to.) • Wise people NEVER GIVE UP because they know it solves nothing. (They understand that giving up will cause them to start over again & a wise person does not focus on starting over, they focus on progressing.)

 Wise people DO NOT rely on their intellect to lead them, they rely on the HOLY SPIRIT to lead them. (They understand that their intellect can be wrong but the Holy Spirit is never wrong.)

• Wise people do not talk about what they are going to do, they JUST DO IT because action speaks louder than words. (Wise people know that action will persuade people more than talking.)

• Wise people live in the present but they **PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**. (Wise people know that if they prepare today they can reap the fruits tomorrow.)

 Wise people LISTEN TO LEARN, they do not listen to respond. (They understand the purpose of listening which is why they are effective communicators.)

• Wise people do not entertain foolishness, they **IGNORE IT**. (Wise people know that if they entertain foolishness they will be polluted by it.)

• Wise people understand their limitations which **PREVENTS** them from being stressed out. (They are smart enough to realize how much they can carry on their shoulders which is how they avoid being overwhelmed.)

• Wise people HONOR their mother and father so they can live long on the earth. (Wise people honor their mom and dad because they know what the consequences are for disrespecting them.)

• Wise people **DO NOT** betray the people that has made a way for them. (*They do not abuse people's trust because they know it is extremely valuable.*)

 Wise people DO NOT move ahead of God, they move BEHIND Him, allowing Him to lead them. (Wise people know where they belong at all times. They never overstep their parameters.)

Wise people do not wait for things to happen, they MAKE THINGS
 HAPPEN. (They understand the value of their time and they use it wisely by not wasting it. People who wait for things to happen do not understand the importance of time.)

• Wise people are **NOT** reactive, they are **PROACTIVE**. (They do not wait for things to happen, they make things happen.)

• Wise people do not plan to do evil, they **PLAN TO DO GOOD**. (They know that God punishes the people who plan evil.)

 Wise people do not help people who DO NOT WANT TO BE HELPED. (Wise people know that Jesus only served the people who were hungry for righteousness.)

• Wise people do not chase money, they **CHASE GOD'S FAVOR**. (Wise people know that favor attracts money but money attracts leeches.)

Wise people STUDY THE BIBLE so they can know how to live on the earth.
 (Wise people use the Bible as a source for living. They know the true value of the Bible.)

• Wise people believe that Jesus is the **SON** of God. (They know who Jesus is and what position He holds.)

- Wise people make things **SIMPLE** so that life can be **EASIER**. (Wise people understand that simplicity produces happiness.)
- Wise people establish **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS** because the Bible says two are better than one. (They know that the key to progressing in life is determined by the content of their relationships.)
- Wise people **SERVE GOD** but **HELP PEOPLE**! (Wise people know the difference between who they should serve & who they should help.)
- Wise people **THINK** about death so they can **PREPARE** for it. (Wise people prepare for death because they know they cannot escape it. They do not close their eyes to what is inevitable.)

• Wise people do not tell their secrets to people who **TALK TOO MUCH**. (Wise people know that people who talk too much cannot be trusted.)

- Wise people **DO NOT** entertain ungodly thoughts because they know that their thoughts run their life. (Proverbs 4:23) (*Wise people know the value of a thought. They know that one thought can change their life.*)
- Wise people do not doubt God they simply ASK Him questions. (They know that asking God questions is not the same thing as doubting Him. Wise people ask God questions so they can learn from Him.)
- Wise people will NEVER make an authority figure angry because they know they have the power & permission to hurt them. (Wise people honor authority so they can avoid the consequences of dishonoring authority.)

 Wise people will EMBRACE CHANGE because they understand whatever stays the same will eventually deteriorate and die. (They understand that change is the seed for progress & acceleration.)

• Wise people do not walk into temptation, they **AVOID** temptation. (They do not plan to fall, they plan to stand which is why they avoid temptation.)

• Wise people will **NOT** speak words that will make you smile, they will speak words that will make you **WHOLE**. (*Wise people are aware that the gift of healing rest on their lips.*)

 Wise people will work hard because they know that the **REWARD** for hard work is leadership & wealth. (Proverbs 12:24) (*They avoid being poor because* they know it is not God's will.) • Wise people **DO NOT** believe rumors, they watch to see if the rumors are true. (*Wise people listen to facts but they believe the truth.*)

• Wise people are **QUICK TO LISTEN** but slow to speak. (They know that they will learn more by listening than talking.)

- Wise people will NEVER make a decision without understanding all of the details within that decision first. (Wise people will never make decisions haphazardly.)
- Wise people **FOCUS** on doing the **RIGHT** thing **CONSISTENTLY**. (They know that being righteous pleases the Lord.)
- Wise people **STUDY** for the purpose of progression & they **LEARN** for the purpose of success. (Wise people know the difference between the purpose of studying & learning and that is why they are prosperous.)

- Wise people suffer for CHRIST. They DO NOT suffer for making foolish decisions. (Wise people are not against suffering, they are against suffering for the wrong reason.)
- Wise people value what is right MORE than what is profitable. (Proverbs 16:8) (They will always put God over money.)
- Wise people do not chase after money, they chase after Wisdom because it is the most IMPORTANT thing. (Wise people are built on principles, not worthless pleasures.)
- Wise people do not say what they feel, they say what is **RIGHT** because they understand what they feel may be wrong but what is right will never be wrong.
  (Wise people do not allow their feelings to lead them, they are led by their principles.)

- Wise people do not start a new project until they finish the old project first.
  Wise people focus on **COMPLETION**. (Wise people understand that there is no reward for incompletion.)
- Wise people EMPOWER THEMSELVES BEFORE they empower other people because how can you strengthen others when you are weak? (They do not put the cart before the horse.)
- Wise people DO NOT make promises that they cannot keep because a broken promise creates tremendous losses. (Wise people protect their integrity because their integrity protects their reputation.)
- Wise people do what is **DIFFERENT** so they will not end up being common. (Wise people pursue excellence so they will not become mediocre. They understand that doing things in excellence will separate them from the crowd.)

- Wise people never think they know enough which is how they maintain their fire to learn something new **DAILY**. (Wise people remind themselves of how much they do not know, which is why they push themselves to learn so much more.)
- Wise people **NEVER COMPLAIN** about what is in their control to change because they know they have the power to change it. (*Wise people know how powerful they are.*)

 Wise people do not empower their enemies. They ENTRAP their enemies. (They do not entertain their enemies. They understand how to treat their enemies & what to do to their enemies.)  Wise people will NEVER spend more money on clothes than they would their mind. (Wise people invest in their mind above everything else because they know that their mind controls everything else.)

• Wise people **PURSUE MENTORSHIP** so they can **AVOID** the hardship of failing experiences. (They know that the fastest way to success is through the vehicle of mentorship.)

Wise people do not lie because they know that their INTEGRITY IS THEIR
 CURRENCY. (They understand the value of integrity.)

 Wise people do not follow social trends, they CREATE them. (Wise people do not follow the crowd, they attract a crowd.)

• Wise people put God **FIRST** & put themselves **SECOND**. (They are smart enough to know that God is the head of their life.)

- Wise people stay ahead of everyone else because they **ANTICIPATE** the next person's move. (Wise people are successful because they never move with the crowd. They move ahead of the crowd.)
- Wise people DO NOT settle for MEDIOCRITY, they only PURSUE
  EXCELLENCE because they know that nothing is attracted to mediocrity.
  (They recognize that in order to get the best in life you must pursue excellence.)

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