

Wisdom: The Balance of It

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I. Introduction.

A. Without an emphasis on balance, one's entire life can be hindered.

B. Balance is important in our lives.

II. Balance in the Word.

A. Please men and please God. (Galatians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 8:21, Matthew 17:27, Acts 5:29, 1 Corinthians 8:9, Daniel 6:10, 1 Peter 2:18)

B. Learn from men and from God. (2 Timothy 3:14, 1 John 2:21, 1 Thessalonians 2:11, Hebrews 3:13)

A. You only need the Spirit, the Bible and another Christian.

B. The Navigators started with one man who committed wholeheartedly.

C. Those who are straight laced and not straight laced - those for Jesus directly and indirectly. (Matthew 12:30, Mark 9:40)

D. You cannot know what God is doing, and you can know what God is doing. (Job 5:8-9, Deuteronomy 29:29, Luke 10:21, 2 Corinthians 2:11)

E. Prepare for the future in life, and trust God for the future in life. (Proverbs 6:6, Matthew 6:33)

F. What is more important - prayer or the Word? (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Proverbs 28:9)

E. What is more important - Bible study or application? Ministry or work?

G. Do not overemphasize harvesting in the spring - plant solid roots. You can only harvest what has been planted.. Winter is the time for enjoyment.

H. Do not go extreme in any one point - no one person has all the information on God's knowledge, wisdom and economy. (1 Peter)

Application questions

1. Why is balance important, especially in regards to understanding the Word?

2. How would you respond to someone who said that God is not concerned whether they please men? What Scripture would you use?

3. Is it right to save money in case of emergency in light of Matthew 6:33? Explain.
