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Hebrews 12:1 - 2

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, And the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Wisdom to Run the Race



7 Wisdom Keys

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #1

- I. Decide to run your race in life:-
 1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined
to be conformed to the image of His Son ...

1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

- a. There must be Life-Change.
- b. We must clearly know and understand the Mixture in us.

The Old Man - Natural Life - Self - Soul Life

Sinful Nature - Carnal - Flesh - Worldly

Vis-à-vis

The Spiritual Man - Christ - HS - Father in Us

1. To be the **Person** God wants you to be.

- c. We must increasingly live the **Spiritual**-life
(guided by the Word and the Holy Spirit)
in place of the
natural corrupted carnal flesh self-life.
- d. This involves the **Transformation** of
our soul.

1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

Our Character - 1 Thessalonians 5:23

BODY

Transformation
of our **SOUL**

Mind
Emotion
Will

SPIRIT

1. To be the **Person** God wants you to be.

e. We must move from:

Inner-Man SOUL

(1) **Natural** Mind

argumentative

cynicism

opinionated

suspicious

cleverness

stubbornness

human wisdom
of the world

not willing
to yield

mindset full
of self

Skeptical

1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

e. Our Natural mind to a Renewed mind:

Inner-Man SOUL

(2) Renewed Mind

Our mind must be **daily renewed**
after the mind of Christ.

(Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16)

1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

e. We must move from:

Inner-Man SOUL

(1) Natural Emotion

jealousy

insecure envy

low self-image/esteem fits of rage

strife

mood swings

Cannot rejoice with other's success

Need to boast / defend self

feelings

lusts

impatience

easily swayed

1. To be the **Person** God wants you to be.

e. Our **Natural** emotions must be **Spirit-Led**

Inner-Man SOUL

(2) **Spirit-Led** Emotion

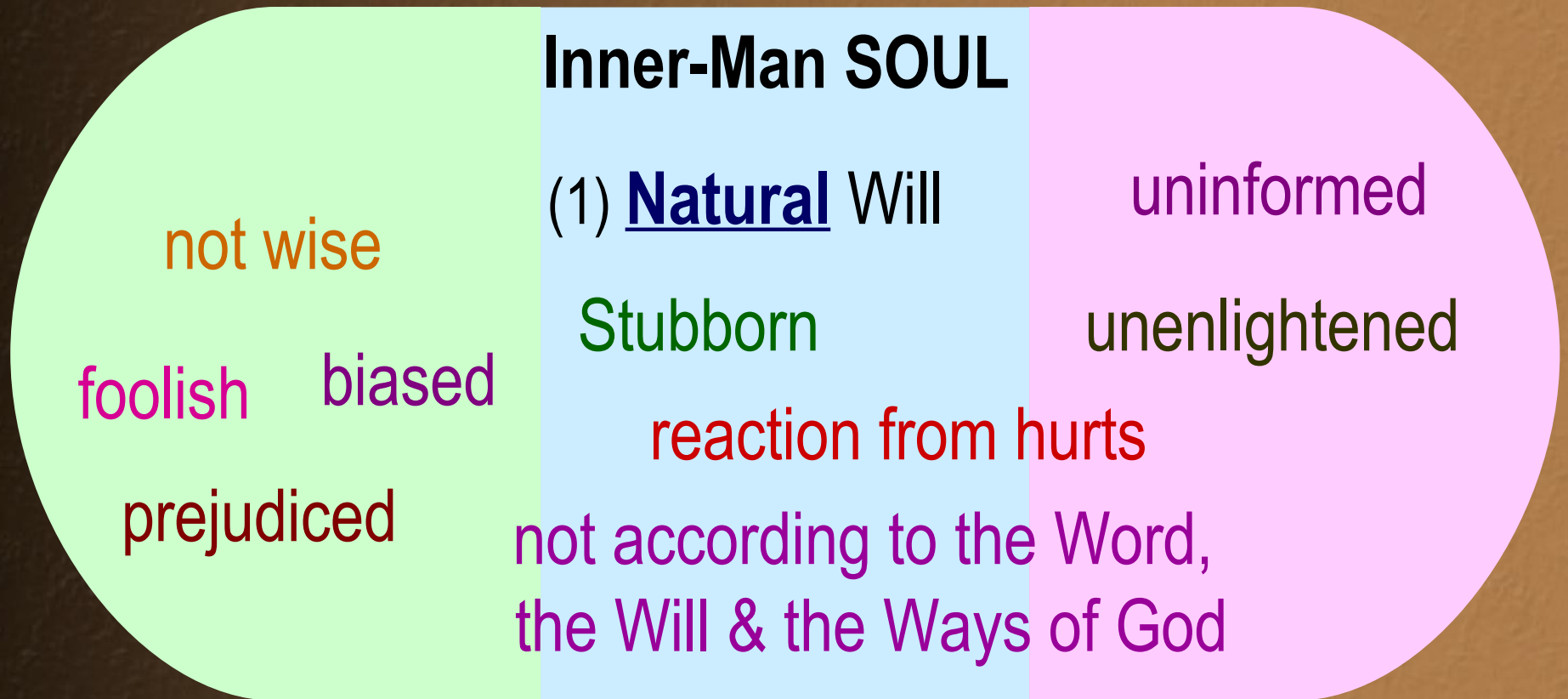
Our emotions must be surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

He will temper our emotions ...
to manifest the **fruit of the Spirit** ...

(Galatians 5:22 – 23)

1. To be the Person God wants you to be.

e. We must move from:



1. To be the **Person** God wants you to be.

e. Our **Natural** will must be **Yielded**.

Inner-Man SOUL

(2) **Yielded** Will

(Colossians 1:9-10)

Our will must be aligned with God.

We then have the knowledge, spiritual wisdom and spiritual understanding to make correct enlightened decision and choices.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #1

1. **Decide** to run your race in life:-
 2. To fulfill God's **Purpose** in your life and ministry.

This comes from clearly knowing and understanding the different **Roles** and **Responsibilities** you have.

This will involve **ongoing learning and equipping of life-skills** to be effective and productive.

2. To fulfill God's **Purpose** in your life and ministry.

This apply to our **Life-Journey** from YA to SC:-

- Studies, Relationships-BGR, Friendships, Establishing Career, Managing Finances.
- Building a Strong Marriage, Parenting Skills.
- Aging & Health Issues, Managing Finances, Relationships.

To **Ministry Skills**
of sharing Christ as we mature in Him.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #2

- II. We must grasp the life-Principle/Truth on issues and not get entangled over methodologies.
- e.g. 1 - **Apply mud over eyes for sight?**
 - e.g. 2 - **Anointing Oil**
 - e.g. 3 - **High Quest**

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #3

III. We must get out of
religion [rituals – performance treadmill]
to developing our **Relationship** with God.

Relationship with God vs Religion

Religious duties without relationship with God:-

- ✓ Attending Church
- ✓ Attending a CG Meeting
- ✓ Serving as Hands & Feet
- ✓ Getting Baptized
- ✓ Partaking the Lord's Supper
- ✓ Have a leader pray over you.

Relationship with God vs Religion



1 Peter 2:2-3

²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,
³if indeed you have tasted
that the Lord is gracious.

The GOAL of the intake of the MILK of the Word
is to EXPERIENCE the reality of the Promises
of God / Word in your life.

Relationship with God vs Religion

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said,
“It is written,
‘Man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

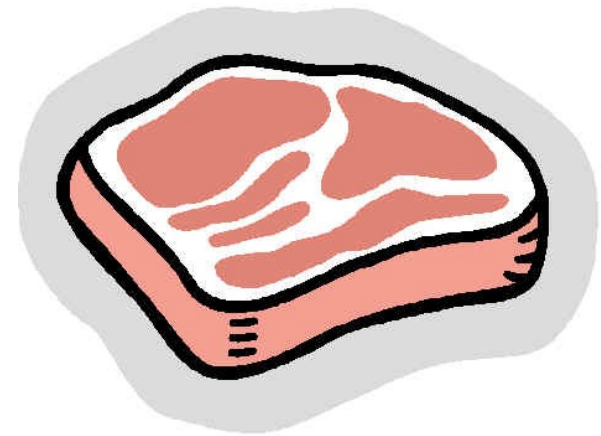


The **GOAL** of the intake of the **BREAD** of the Word
is to regularly hear what the Lord is **SPEAKING**
to you in your daily living.

Relationship with God vs Religion

Hebrews 5:14

But 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.



The GOAL of the intake of the MEAT of the Word is to sharpen DISCERNMENT as you apply the Word to the situations of your life.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #4

- IV. We must grow beyond mere information to receive Revelation from the Holy Spirit that comes from a God-seeking heart.

Internet world - explosion of information

Israel - where Jesus walked and is walking

Mixture - Meat and Bones

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #4

- IV. We must grow beyond mere information to receive Revelation from the Holy Spirit that comes from a God-seeking heart.
- Truth is Caught more than taught.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #4

John 5:39-40

³⁹YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES,
for IN THEM YOU THINK YOU HAVE eternal life;
and these are they which testify of Me.
⁴⁰But you are not willing to come to Me
that you may have life.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #4

2 Timothy 2:15, 23, 26

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God**,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

²³**But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes,**
knowing that they generate strife.

²⁶and that they may come to their senses and
escape the **snare of the devil**, having been taken
captive by him to do his will.

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Matthew 4:4

... live by every word from the mouth of God.

John 10:27

My sheep hears My voice

From Information to Revelation

2 broad Interpretation of Scriptures:-

1. **Literal** Application

The text is historical and true in its context.

Good information and knowledge.

This is the **LOGOS** - the **Written Word**.

From Information to Revelation

2 broad Interpretation of Scriptures:-

2. **Spiritual** Application

This is when the text speaks to us personally in the context of our life-issues.

This is the **RHEMA** - the **Living Word**.

From Information to Revelation

2 broad Interpretation of Scriptures:-

2. **Spiritual** Application

e.g. 1 - **Jeremiah 29:11**

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For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil,
to give you a future and a hope.

From Information to Revelation

2 broad Interpretation of Scriptures:-

2. Spiritual Application

e.g. 2 - **Holy Communion**



- The Bread [Body] and the Wine [Blood]
- Do this remembrance of ME
- Proclaim the Lord's Death until He comes

From Information to Revelation

2 broad Interpretation of Scriptures:-

2. **Spiritual** Application

Ephesians 1:17 - Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him.

2 Corinthians 3:6

who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit;
for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Wisdom to Run the Race - **Key #5**

- V. **People** are more important than tasks
- Encourage and Build Lives
 - Relationships with people more important than tasks
 - Edify, Exhort, Comfort - in the CG

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #5

- V. People are more important than tasks
- Relationships involve:-
 - No offenses
 - Understanding **Personality** and **Work-Style** differences.
 - Understanding the corruption of the **carnal flesh** vs **spiritual life**

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #6

VI. Focus on what God is doing instead of what He is not doing.

John 5:19

Then Jesus answered and said to them,
“Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son** can do nothing of Himself, but what **He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #6

VI. Focus on what God is doing instead of what He is not doing.

Luke 4:25-26

Many widows but Elijah sent to only one

Luke 4:27

Many lepers but Elisha healed only Naaman

Wisdom to Run the Race - **Key #6**

VI. Focus on what God **is** doing instead of what He is not doing.

John 5:1-15

Pool of Bethesda

- Only one healed by the Lord Jesus -

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #7

vii. Only a life of Faith pleases God.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God **must believe that He is,**
and that He is a **rewarder** of those
who **diligently seek Him.**

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #7

vii. Only a life of Faith pleases God.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Romans 14:23

But he who doubts is condemned if he eats,
because he does not eat from faith;
for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Wisdom to Run the Race - Key #7

vii. Only a life of Faith pleases God.

1 John 3:22-23

²²And **whatever we ask we receive from Him,**
because we **keep His commandments** and
do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

²³And this is **His commandment:**
that we should **believe on the name of His Son**
Jesus Christ and **love one another,**
as He gave us commandment.

Conclusion - Wisdom to Run the Race

Ephesians 5:15-17

¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly,
not as fools but as wise,

¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand
what the will of the Lord is.

Conclusion - Wisdom to Run the Race

Matthew 7:24-25

²⁴whoever hears Word and does them = wise man

who built his house on the rock:

²⁵and the rain descended, the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat on that house;
and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Virgins

Conclusion - Wisdom to Run the Race

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom,
let him **ASK** of God ...

Will you do so?