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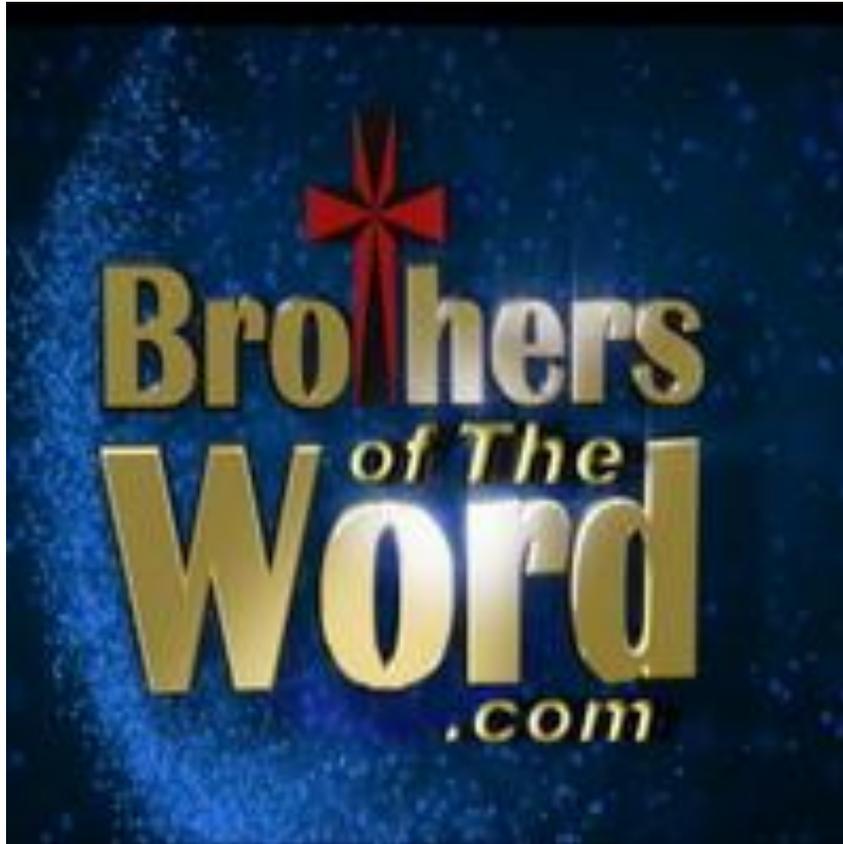
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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because "Brother, you need the Word."

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrothersoftheWord.com. Welcome to today's service. Thank you for tuning in and joining us. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you. Well, I would like read just a little humor.

Earl and Bob both obsessed with baseball never miss their favorite team's game and they promise that whoever die first and went to heaven would come back to earth and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven. One day Earl died and Bob waited for him to come back. Finally, Earl did and he said to Bob, "I have good news and bad news." He said, "I'll tell you the good news first. There is baseball in heaven." Bob rejoiced and he said, "Oh, that's the best news." He said, "What could possibly be the bad news?" He said, "You're pitching tomorrow night."

Well, we're doing part six on a subject entitled, "Crowned With Wisdom." Crowned with Wisdom, part six. And we're having just a good time just saturating ourselves with godly wisdom, allowing the wisdom of God just to fill us and speak to us, and lead us, and direct us, and to help us in all areas of life. I just pray that insights will turn on for you in your life, that solutions will come to you, that God will show you some things, how to handle situations, how to handle people, how to handle problems, that God would give you His insight. He makes His wisdom available to all of us so that we can deal wisely in the affairs of life.

Well, let's jump into some scriptures over to the Book of Proverbs. I'm going to read some in various places but let's look at Chapter 3. Proverbs Chapter 3. Proverbs 3:13-18. Proverbs 3:13-18.

And I just want you to hear a little bit of the benefit of wisdom in our lives and how valuable it is to us in our lives. Proverbs Chapter 3 beginning with verse 13, “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than find gold. She is more precious than rubies and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her and happy is every one that retaineth her.”

Also, let’s look at some wisdom scriptures over in the next chapter. Proverbs Chapter 4 beginning with verse 5. Proverbs 4 beginning with verse 5 and we’ll read that to verse 13. Notice what it says. Verse five. “Get wisdom, get understanding, forget it not neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not and she shall preserve thee. Love her and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom. And with all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee. She shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her.”

Notice what wisdom does for us. She preserves us, she keeps us, she promotes us, she brings us to a place of honor in life.

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And look at verse 9, “She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace.” Wisdom gives us a graceful life, a graceful living. She gives an ornament of grace on our head. “A crown of glory she shall deliver to thee.” And that’s what we’re talking from the subject “Crowned With Wisdom”. Wisdom sets something upon your life. It sets something upon your life and it’s a special grace. It’s a special glory that wisdom sets up upon your life. So, we’re crowned with wisdom. “Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.” So wisdom extends your life. It extends your life. “I have taught thee in the way of wisdom. I have led thee in right paths. When thou goest, thy step shall not be straitened and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction. Let her not go. Keep her for she is thy life.”

And so, I just wanted you to see some verses there of the importance of wisdom, the true value of wisdom, the worth of wisdom and how awesome wisdom is in our lives. There are a few other verses I wanted to point out, Proverbs Chapter 8. If you flip over to Proverbs Chapter 8. I'll show you something there as well. Proverbs Chapter 8 has some good verses about wisdom. Notice Proverbs Chapter 8 verse 11. Let's read 11 and 12 then we'll drop down to 17. "For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence and find out knowledge of witty inventions."

Wisdom will you some inventions, give you some witty ideas. Wisdom, wisdom. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride, arrogance and the evil way and the froward mouth do I hate. Drop down to verse 17, "I love them that love me and those that seek me early shall find me." Verse 18, "Riches and honor are with me, yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold." And so, wisdom here is letting us know about the true riches. I believe that wisdom calls this financial wealth but there's a level of wealth beyond that and those are termed the "true riches of life". The true riches of life. And wisdom gives us the true riches of life. Money isn't everything. Money is not everything. Turn to your neighbors, say, "Money isn't everything." It isn't everything. It is something but it's not everything. Somebody said it was right up under breathing.

It's not everything. Money is a good servant. Money is a good servant but it's a lousy master. It's a lousy master but money is a good servant. Money is neither good or bad. Money is a servant. Money is a servant. So, we use money to bless people. We use money to bless people. We don't use people to get money. So, we use money to bless people. So, I believe that wisdom will cause your financial prosperity(ph) to increase but I believe there's a level of true riches beyond that because wisdom has true wealth in all areas, in all dimensions of man, in all dimensions of the spirit, in all abundance of God's life coming into our life. And you tap into the true riches.

Now, I'm a little ahead of myself but I have this written down. This is one of the -- we'll come back to where it was but I just got to say this while it's fresh on my mind. While it's fresh on my mind. I wrote this down out of one of the proverbs and it says, "Peace of mind and the family's love are worth more than money." Peace of mind. Peace of mind and the family's love are worth

more than money. And so, wisdom, it gives you some little tip about what true wealth is. True wealth is more than money. It's about relationships, it's about love, it's about having peace of mind, enjoying your heart, loving your heart. It's about having someone to share life with that you love and who loves you.

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And so, there's a lot involved there but with wisdom, riches and honor are with me. Wisdom says in verse 18. Proverbs 8 18, "Yea durable riches and righteousness." So, that's how I know there's a higher level of riches. Notice what it says on verse 19, "My fruit is better than gold, yea, than find gold. And my revenue than choice silver." So, riches are better than money. In fact, I've researched this. It says that if you took all the money in the world out of the hands of everybody who has it and you took it all from everybody and you gave it back out and distributed it equally to everyone that in five years' time, it would be back in the hands of the ones who have it now. What else because they're operating with a know-how, with the skill so the money would get right back into the hand that is in there(ph). If you took all the money and distributed it out equally to everybody. Within five years' time, it will be right back into the same hands that it is in now but that's because wisdom is better than money because if you have wisdom, you can get money. You have wisdom, you can get money. And so, wisdom is better than gold, yea, better than find gold and revenue than choice silver.

"I lead in the way of righteousness in the midst of the paths of judgement that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and I will fill their treasures." So, wisdom will fill you with some good things. It will cause you to financially increase simply by employing godly wisdom into your life. It will cause your money to increase. So, it blesses every area of life and that's why we need godly wisdom in order to prosper and to live successfully in life. Also verse 33 through 35, Proverbs Chapter 8. "Hear instruction and be wise and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors for whoso findeth me, findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord."

So, wisdom is powerful. Wisdom is powerful. Whoever finds me, finds life and you obtain favor of the Lord. We discussed that you get wisdom from God. You get wisdom from wise people. You get

wisdom from your experiences and you get wisdom from another source. I want to talk about some today. You get wisdom from God. You get wisdom from wise people. You get wisdom from your experiences. And so, that's why it's so important to spend some time with Jesus. Spend some time with Jesus because He is our wisdom. Be around wise people, visit great places, attend great events. But here's number four, a place where we get wisdom. That's from great books. From great books. We get wisdom from great books because we are absorbing wisdom from wise minds. So, read great books, read great books. We get wisdom from great books.

I thought about my father. My father was a very wise man. He was a man ahead of his time and one of his attributes was he was an avid reader. He was an avid reader. He would always be reading. I can remember just seeing the light on in his bedroom at night. He would be up reading. He would up reading. And he was just far ahead of his time because he was a reader. And you get so much wisdom from reading. In fact, 1 Timothy 4:13, Paul admonishes Timothy. He says, "Give attendance to reading. Give attendance to reading." So, Paul instructed Timothy to study, to read. Give attendance to reading. What books are you reading? What books are you reading? What books are you using to add value to your life to increase your knowledge base and your wisdom?

Some people say, "Well, books are expensive." Books are expensive. Well, let me tell you what Jim Rohn said about that. He said, "It isn't what the book costs. It's what it will cost if you don't read it." It's not what the book costs. It's what it will cost you if you don't read it. German philosopher, Goethe, he said, "Never let a day pass without looking at some perfect work of art, hearing some great piece of music and reading in part some great book." There are studies that show that when you appreciate the arts and I'm sure that's why he included music and art. When you appreciate the arts, it actually makes your life happier.

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The happiest people on earth have a great appreciation for the arts, for music, for fine music and for art. There's an artistic expression that satisfies, that does something for our psyche and for our being. It makes us happy. And you really don't have to go to a museum. Just go outside and see what God has painted on

the sky for today. Sometimes, I'm driving home and I say, "Lord, I look at the sky as a canvas." I said, "Lord, that's a beautiful, beautiful masterpiece you made there today." Every day is something different. Isn't that awesome? The sky is a canvas and God paints a portrait on the sky for us to admire every day. Every day.

And sometimes I see things that are just breathtaking. I said, "Lord, that is awesome. How did you come up with that? How did you come up with that? That is awesome." Sometimes I'm driving home and I could just see there are pink hues mixed in with the blue and little ribbons of clouds. And I say, "Lord, that is awesome." I just have to just sit back and admire the art that's in the sky. The bible says -- man, I got so excited when I saw this. The bible says that in the earth is all the manifold wisdom of God. It's in creation. All the manifold wisdom of God is in creation. So, you can look at creation and just appreciate and you'll see the wisdom of God. When you study science -- man, when you see how massive space is, when you understand that there are more planetary stars in space than there are grains of sand on all of the deserts and beaches of the world, when you understand how the earth spins on its axis perfectly and it rotates balanced then it rotates around the sun and everything is perfectly made and balanced.

And even if you come even closer and look at your body, and look at all the miles of arterial veins and the blood work in the circulatory system that's running. And how many times your heart beats in a day feeding your trillions of cells, and how they are replenished and renewed. Man, if you studied the body, you will see the manifold wisdom of God. That's how God says, "People will have no excuse for not knowing me because my wisdom is all in the earth." The earth is full of God's wisdom. The earth is full of God's wisdom. The earth is full of God's wisdom." He is the one who put the laugh in a hyena. He is the one that stretched the neck of a giraffe. The wisdom of God is in the earth. His manifold wisdom is expressed in creation.

You are a masterpiece. You are a masterpiece. Joel Osteen, he said one day he was a mind creation. And he said, "God, man, this is awesome, Lord." And he was admiring God. He said, the Lord spoke to him and said, "Joel, those things that you're

admiring, those are not my masterpiece.” He said, “Man is my masterpiece.” Man, you are God’s masterpiece. The bible says we are fearfully and we’re wonderfully made. Fearfully and we’re wonderfully made. Oh man, I just wish we had a little time to talk about the human body a little bit just to understand but you just understood, oh man, the wonder workings that’s going on, how your neurons of firing all the synaptic firings of your neurons in your brain. And how all of that operates and the electricity going on in your body. I bet you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are work of genius. You are work of genius.

We are a part of God’s manifold wisdom that’s in the earth. Now, I didn’t mean to talk about all of that, I just can’t hold that in. That had to come out. That had to come out. Man, I got to study in the wisdom when God that’s in the earth. His manifold wisdom is in the earth. His manifold wisdom is in the earth. His manifold wisdom is in the earth. But read part of a great book every day. Listen to some great music every day, admire some great art every day. And before you go to bed at night, ask yourself, “What did I learn today?” What did I learn today? What did I learn today? What did I learn today? Turn to your neighbor and say, “What did I learn today?” Ask your neighbor, “What did I learn today?” What did I learn today? Ask yourself some questions of where can I use what I learned? When can I use what I learned? Who else needs to know what I learned?

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I’m going to share this with you then I’m going to be done. I didn’t get far today as I wanted to get but we get wisdom from book and I will say the first book you want to begin with is the bible. Begin with the bible. Begin with the bible. And I’ve told you before that there are 31 Chapters of Proverbs and I think that’s God’s way of saying “Read a chapter every day.” since most months have 31 days. Read a chapter every day. And here’s a unique idea, whatever day it is of the month, read that chapter. So, if today is May 14, read proverbs 14. Read Proverbs Chapter 14 and you will find that God will speak to you on that day, in that chapter for that day. And He’ll highlight something to you differently than someone else who reads it.

God has a way to speak in every heart with the same passage but he could speak something and highlight something different to every heart. See, God’s Word is living. It’s alive. This Word is

living. This is a living book. It's alive. It's actually alive. There's no other book in the world like this book. This book is living. It's alive. It's alive. So, read a proverb every day.

I'm going to give you this and I'm done. I've gone through Proverbs and I've taken notes on every chapter just jotting down my ideas, just jotting down insights, jotting down what each chapter says to me. And I just want to share three or four highlights that I recognized from Proverbs. Here's something Proverbs 17 says. Proverbs 17 says -- verse 27 says, "Have an excellent spirit." Have an excellent spirit. Have an excellent spirit. And the Holy Spirit said to me when I read that "Have an excellent spirit.", the Holy Spirit just says some things to me and I wrote it down. But it said, "Don't complain. Don't talk bad about anyone. Have a spirit of faith, encouragement, stay positive, think positive thoughts, use positive words. Always find the positive in every situation. Always find a positive person no matter where you are. Always look for the positive, stay positive, be grateful, be grateful, be useful, be useful, be kind, be kind, be helpful, be helpful, be happy and be fun, be helpful, happy and fun. And then do your very best, do your very best. That's what the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart about having an excellent spirit.

So, Proverbs 17:27 just said, "Have an excellent spirit." But the Holy Spirit just opened me up and expanded then showed me there what He meant. He showed me there what he meant. So, he meant(ph) to have an excellent spirit. Have an excellent spirit. Have an excellent spirit. Don't complain. Don't complain. Don't talk about anybody. Have a spirit of faith, encouragement, stay positive, be grateful, be useful, happy, helpful, happy and fun and do your very best. Here's another one. I picked this one up and Proverbs 11 simply says, very short, but it's powerful. It says, "Generosity prospers, stinginess impoverishes." Generosity prospers, stinginess impoverishes. Man, that's a powerful nugget in there. Generosity prospers, stinginess impoverishes.

Here's another nugget. Proverbs 19. "Don't get angry quickly." Don't get angry quickly. Learn to overlook things that try to upset you. Stay calm, cool and sturdy. Stay calm, cool and sturdy. Don't get angry quickly. Learn to overlook things that try to upset you. Stay calm, cool and sturdy. William James he said, "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook. And here's the final thought. I jotted down one of my highlights from jotting

down the whole Book of Proverbs. We'll actually, I've already shared that with you but that's the one about peace of mind and a family's love are worth more than money. Peace of mind and a family's love are worth more than money. Praise God.

Take the time to dig in. Proverbs are so powerful, so practical. It is so practical, such a powerful book. There's so much in it about the tongue and how a man's life largely reflects his words. So, it's powerful information in there about the tongue. Powerful information in there about adultery and it basically says stay away from it because it's not worth the trouble and plus, your spouse may kill you over in a way. I'm paraphrasing. That's what it says. It says stay away from it, it's not worth of trouble.

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It'll cost you a lot and your spouse may kill you over it. Actually, that is in the bible. It says that a jealous husband, he may not restrain and then they (00:25:11). But that's some powerful things about working hard, about saving, about planning, about how you tell to people, how you keep your emotions calm and balanced, about having a merry heart, keeping a merry heart, keeping a happy countenance on your face, being enthusiastic, all that's in Proverbs. Proverbs teaches us very practically how to live and it's just loaded with just little nuggets, just little nuggets to help us live life each and every day. So, whatever day of the month it is, try to read that chapter in proverbs, and I believe God has highlighted something to you and he'll show you. And get your notebook and pen and just sit down quietly and write truth in your own words that you will see in Proverbs. It'll be a wonderful, wonderful blessing to your life.

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