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“The Key of David” (6)

*“My son, do not lose sight of these— keep sound wisdom and discretion”
(Proverbs 3:21)*

David’s Discretion

1 Samuel 18:14-15 – (14) “And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him. (15) Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.” (KJV)

1 Samuel 18:22-23 – (22) “And Saul commanded his servants, ‘Speak to David in private and say, ‘Behold, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now then become the king’s son-in-law.’ (23) And Saul’s servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, ‘Does it seem to you a little thing to become the king’s son-in-law, since I am a poor man and have no reputation?’”

Key Point: Fools fail by focusing on first impressions

The Appropriate over the Apparent

1 Samuel 24:3-6 – (3) “And [Saul] came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. (4) And the men of David said to him, ‘Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’ Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. (5) And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. (6) He said to his men, ‘The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.’”

Inquiry over Impetuosity

2 Samuel 5:17-20, 22-25 – (17) “When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. (18) Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. (19) And David inquired of the LORD, ‘Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?’ And the LORD said to David, ‘Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand.’ (20) And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, ‘The LORD has burst through my enemies before me like a bursting flood.’”

Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim.

(22) And the Philistines came up yet again and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.

(23) And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, ‘You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. (24) And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.’ (25) And David did as the LORD commanded him, and struck down the Philistines...”

The Excellent over the Good

Psalm 17:13-15 – (13) “...Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, (14) from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. (15) As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”

How do I grow in wisdom and discretion?

Acquire Da’at rather than Data

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge (da’at), and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge (da’at).” (Proverbs 18:15) Da’at – cunning

Allow for Reproof

“The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.” (Proverbs 15:31)

Consider Consultation

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.” (Proverbs 11:14)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I concerned about being wise and discerning? (Prov. 4:7, 24:14; Eph. 1:17)

Am I asking for Godly wisdom? (1 Kings 3:5-13)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)