

## **DAY 21: JANUARY 22ND, 2021**

### **TOPIC: WISDOM TO MANAGE SUPERNATURAL PROVISION**

**TEXT: PROV 4:7; ECCL.7:8-19; JAMES 1: 5.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 314: DEEPER DEEPER IN THE LOVE OF JESUS**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Knowledge is gained through acquisition of information and profitable application of knowledge results in wisdom. Wisdom is required to gain access to wealth and to maintain that wealth. A man of wisdom will have knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 4:7 says, Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. And Ecclesiastes 7:19 says, Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.

Wisdom is required to continually tap into the divine treasures of God, because wisdom and knowledge will protect you from deception that can easily terminate your supernatural provision, if not well managed. Many Christians today have derailed because they fail to firmly hold on to God's truth - John 8:32.

A wealthy man that fails to train his children will become unwise when his wealth of knowledge, position and power gets ruined and squandered by untrained children - Prov. 22:6. Our supernatural provision is not limited to financial blessings but includes good health, wisdom, knowledge, talents, position, power etc. and must be well managed.

To effectively manage these provisions, the following are worthy of note.

\* Die to self - Many people had come to Christ, got blessed but failed to live a crucified life. Challenges from family curses, poor emotion, greed, self, pride etc had overwhelm them and in that process, they lost their gains. Ensure your wealth and provision is founded on God - Lk 4:48

\* Give generously- Don't stop giving your tithes to the church that feeds you, offerings, gifts to help the needy, blessing your pastor and leaders and sponsoring the work of the kingdom - Lk 4:38-40; Mal 3:10-12.

\* Invest wisely- Invest in people and in approved, profitable businesses. People you care for today will hold your weak hands in the latter days of life. Invest in yourself by improving on your knowledge and experience that will be sufficient to manage greater glory in future.

\* Love and honour God with your life and substances- God loves and honors those who love and honor him dearly - Prov. 8:17; John 3:35; 1 Sam. 15:22.

#### **Prayer Points**

1. Jehovah-Jireh, the great Provider, I thank you for your abundant grace and provision you have given me and kept in reserve for me.

2. Father, I ask for wisdom to effectively manage your supernatural provisions for my life.
3. God of all provisions, forgive me for my wastefulness. For despising small beginning and wasting your provisions you gave me in the past.
4. O Lord, I break the power of sin, covetousness, greed, self-centeredness, pride and forces resisting God's provision for my life. Be destroyed in Jesus' name.
5. Every dead branch in my life that prevents the flow of supernatural provision and hinders my fruitfulness, be consumed by fire. My life shall blossom in Jesus name.
6. Jehovah-Jireh, give me divine wisdom to enjoy your resources for my life to your glory in Jesus' name.
7. Father, give me wisdom and understanding to build my house for your honour and glory.
8. I receive grace to train my household and guard the treasures You have entrusted to me as a faithful steward in Jesus' name.
9. Give me O Lord, a generous and humble heart, to sacrificially attend to your work, people and ministers with my life and substances in Jesus' name.
10. Let your goodness increase daily in my life, work, ministry and home in Jesus' name.
11. Grant me, O Lord, wisdom and power to solve problems and make me relevant in all seasons and circumstances of my life.
12. Help me Lord, to train my children in Your way and keep my home for Your glory - 1Tim. 3:4.
13. Holy Spirit, help me never to become a prodigal person who wastes his father's goods and his own inheritance.
14. I reject ignorance and wickedness that indicate a wasteful servant that cannot effectively manage his Master's provision - Matt. 25:24-28
15. I receive grace to love, honor and obey you Lord, to spend and be spent for you, as I do the works of God and care for your people - Ps. 91:14-16.
16. Father, help my determination to be wise and manifest wisdom and good judgment in all I do in Jesus' name - Prov. 4:7.
17. Father, help me to finish every good project I start in Jesus' name.
18. May my today be better than the good old days in Jesus' name - Eccles. 7:10.