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Today's Topic: **Wisdom For The Ages**

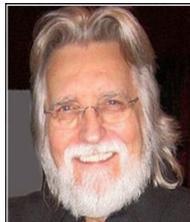
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Throughout the annuals of time, our fathers and fore-fathers have tried to hand down wisdom to each generation. In many early societies the elderly were honored and praised for what they were able to hand down to the next generation. Only a few of those societies exist in the world today. As one of my childhood friends stated recently: "The only legacy we have are the memories we hold. It's a shame our kids don't care."

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After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:46-47)



In this complex world, we all need
God's Divine wisdom and guidance
more than we ever have before.

— Neale Donald Walsch —

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So taking a page from Jesus's handbook of divine wisdom here are some ideas that just might make a difference in our lives and those of our loved ones.

1- Do not judge and if you should be called to judge, then make sure it is a righteous judgment. In other words use right thinking in the process of gathering all the facts and evidence. As Jesus shared: "Take the log out of your eyes before commenting on the splinter in your brother's eye."

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2- Do not resent and condemn. If you believe you have been wronged then pray for the person who has wronged you. Why? The law of cause and effect. No one gets a "free" ride in the universal scheme of things. The karmic debt of any wrongdoing must be paid by the individual creating the debt.

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3- Do not grab and shove your way to abundant living. When we focus our attention on getting and collecting, our energy and intention is on the collection of things. As Jesus told the rich man to go and sell everything and then he'd be able to follow him—he was saying in effect, fear of lack, of losing out, only brings more of the same. Emotional non-attachment brings peace instead of fear and that will create abundant blessings in all areas of your life.

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4- Do not resist instead practice letting go by surrendering all circumstances and situations to God. Seek God first then go to man as directed was a major item in Jesus's teachings. It seems to get lost as we try to figure out what God's will is for us.

So what is God's will for us? How can we understand what that will is and how do we engage it in our life and affairs?

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Jesus constantly tried to share what the will of God was for us. It can be found in these very clear statements: "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:32) and I came that you life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)." So from these statements we can see that God's will for us is love, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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The kingdom of heaven is not filled with negative, destructive, vindictive, life-defeating activities. If it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom than it also must be His will that we enjoy the gifts therein. So God's will for us is: life, health, happiness, prosperity, joy, and life fulfilling activities.

It is not God's will for you to do anything that is beyond your God given abilities, strengths, and skills.

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It is not God's will for you to expend all your energy at the expense of your health and well-being.

It is not God's will for you to live a life of debt and sacrifice.

It is not God's will for you to sacrifice your personal truth or spiritual values for the sake of others.

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The late Emmet Fox, an American mystic of the twenty-century, once wrote:

"Whatever you experience in your life is really but the out picturing of your own thoughts and beliefs. Now, you can change these thoughts and beliefs, and then the outer picture must change too. The events, the circumstances, the experiences in your life will not change until your thinking about them changes.

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Your thoughts are the things that make your experiences here on earth a living heaven or a living hell. They are the stuff of story telling and the story of your life is really the story of the relationship between yourself and God. Remember: God is not interested in your past history, but in what you are now. One of the many lessons that Jesus used to help the people understand God's will was the demonstration that God is always ready to respond the moment we are."

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As we travel life's highway remember to watch out for the pot-holes in life. They sure can do some damage if we hit too many of them along life's highway.

1- Try to take care of everyone's life. This will insure that you'll never have time to take care of yourself.

2- Allow yourself to be the victim of circumstance by treating each day and the experiences of the day with a pessimistic mind-set.

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3- Try to please everyone around you thereby allowing you to please no one.

4- Stand firm in your rigidity by continuing to enforce unenforceable rules.

5- Treat everyone as if they're trying to get something for nothing from you.

6- Jump to conclusions on everything you hear, see, or read.

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7- Maintain a self-righteous attitude of mind that lets everyone know you and only you know what is best for everyone else.

Hit any of these pot-holes and you'll find yourself alone and in need of repairs. So to avoid them remember:

Listen to the inner wisdom of your soul and not the random opinions of others. Don't waste time living the life of others, live your own.

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So on this Father's Day I leave you with this reminder and blessing:

May God give you the grace of wit and wisdom to understand that rainbows are the result of showers, dust, and hope.

Happy Father's Day!