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**4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

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**Education:**

**“Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge.”**

**“Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.”**

**“Some of the people who reject Christianity have suggested that it opposes the life of the mind and education. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact. Education stands at the very center of God’s assignment to His people.”**

# Enlightenment and Intelligence

## Job 28:28

And he said to man, “The fear of the Lord — that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

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## Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul. The statutes of  
the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

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## Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in  
my heart that I might not sin  
against you



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## Proverbs 3:13

**Blessed is the man who find  
wisdom, the man who gain  
understanding,**

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## Deuteronomy 6:6-9

**6** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

**8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

# Enlightenment and Intelligence

## Ephesians 6:4

**Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

# **Enlightenment and Intelligence**

**“Therefore, the primary responsibility for educating children in the faith lies with parents. Today believers should seize every opportunity as a teachable moment and should constantly teach not only children but all people the Word of God.”**

# All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**16** All Scripture is God-breathed  
and is useful for teaching,  
rebuking, correcting and training  
in righteousness, **17** so that the  
man of God may be thoroughly  
equipped for every good work.

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**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them by the truth;  
your word is truth.**

# All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge

## Ephesians 4:11-15

**11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up



**13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. **14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

**15** Instead, speaking the truth  
in love, we will in all things  
grow up into him who is the  
Head, that is, Christ.

# All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge

## Philippians 4:8-9

**8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

**9** **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**

# the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge

## Hebrews 5:11-14

**11** We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make explain because you are slow to learn. **12** In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need **milk, not solid food!**

**13** Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. **14** But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

# **the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge**

**“A healthy Christian is characterized by a thirst and desire for knowledge about the Gospel and the things of God. To understand the Gospel at all is to understand that knowing Christ is the most transforming truth that human beings can know... Furthermore, a life of vibrant and healthy discipleship should lead from one stage of knowledge to the next.”**

# **The Liberal Support of the Churches**

**“A local church must take responsibility to organize a comprehensive teaching and training ministry. The central thrust of the church’s teaching must come from the pulpit, where Christians are first and foremost to be fed corporately by God’s Word in the context of worship through the gift of preaching.”**



# The Liberal Support of the Churches

## Acts 6:2-4

**2** So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

**3** Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them **4** and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

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## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

**1** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.

**3** For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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## **James 3:1**

**Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.**

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**“The church is also charged with organizing and sustaining an educational program that meets the needs of all members... The church’s educational responsibility is to undergird the tasks of evangelism, missions, and the other dimensions of Christ’s command.”**

**“In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.”**

# **Academic Freedom and Responsibility**

## **John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**



# **Academic Freedom and Responsibility**

**“When a professor accepts a teaching position in any school, he thereby accepts a limitation of personal freedom and the responsibility of teaching within the framework of the general beliefs of the sponsoring body.”**

**Hershel Hobbs**

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# Applications

- **Continue to read and study the Bible**
- **Continue to be involved in a discipleship ministry**
- **Continue to be a faithful church member**

# Final Thoughts

## Proverbs 1:7

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

# Final Thoughts

## Proverbs 3:5-6

**5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.