

Keep My Commandments and Live

Proverbs 7:1-3

1. WISDOM AND LAW: The close relationship between _____ and _____ helps us learn, love, and be challenged by wisdom in a non-legalistic manner.

¹ My son, keep my words
and treasure up my commandments with you;
² keep my commandments and live;
keep my teaching as the apple of your eye;
³ bind them on your fingers;
write them on the tablet of your heart. (Prov. 7:1-3)

You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. (Lev. 18:5)

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut. 6:4-9)

2. HEARING THE VOICE OF WISDOM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOSPEL (That is: in a _____, Christ-centered, _____, gospel-y, good-news way.)

- a. The voice of wisdom reveals the foolishness of our _____ and shows us our need for _____.
- b. When we look to Jesus for righteousness (forgiveness, atonement, being made right with God), we find that he is also our _____.

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.... (1 Cor. 1:30)

- c. Jesus led a perfectly sinless and _____ life, doing so _____.

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. ... ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:40a, 52)

- d. In Christ, God gives wisdom as a _____. In that context, “keep my commandments and live” speaks of the gracious gift of _____ itself.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5; cf. 1:18)

- e. When we hear the language of “my son,” we are reminded of our status as God’s _____ in Christ.

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” (Rom. 8:13-15)