

Session One



The Christian Business Association

Bringing the Word of God to Every Nation

GOD'S WORD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING GODLY COUNSEL

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING GODLY COUNSEL?

Proverbs 12:15 . . . Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others.

Proverbs 13:10 . . . Pride leads to arguments; those who take advice are wise.

Proverbs 11:14 . . . Without wise leadership, a nation falls; with many counselors, there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 . . . Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many counselors bring success.

Proverbs 20:18 . . . Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others.

The wise seek the counsel of others. Fools don't think they need it.

THE COUNSEL SHOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S WORD.

Proverbs 6:20-24 . . . My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's teaching. Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck.

Wherever you walk, their counsel can lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up in the morning, they will advise you. For these commands and this teaching are a lamp to light the way ahead of you. The correction of discipline is the way to life. These commands and this teaching will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of an adulterous woman.

The counsel should be applicable and practical.

Proverbs 15:23 . . . Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time!

Proverbs 25:11 . . . Timely advice is as lovely as golden apples in a silver basket.

Effective counsel is timely.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO WISE COUNSEL?

Proverbs 1:7 . . . Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 9:9 . . . Teach the wise, and they will be wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn more.

Proverbs 13:10 . . . Pride leads to arguments; those who take advice are wise.

We are to learn from wise counsel. If we don't it is an indication of stubbornness and pride. We have wasted the counselor's time and efforts, not to mention our own. We have also missed out on realizing our potential.

Psalm 141:1-5 . . . O Lord, I am calling to you. Please hurry! Listen when I cry to you for help! Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering. Take control of what I say, O Lord, and keep my lips sealed. Don't let me lust for evil things; don't let me participate in acts of wickedness. Don't let me share in the delicacies of those who do evil. Let the godly strike me! It will be a kindness! If they reprove me, it is soothing medicine. Don't let me refuse it. But I am in constant prayer against the wicked and their deeds.

Proverbs 29:1 . . . Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept criticism will suddenly be broken beyond repair.

We are to appreciate the healing aspect of wise counsel. Stubborn refusal will leave us wounded.

Proverbs 19:20 . . . Get all the advice and instruction you can, and be wise the rest of your life.

We are to remember wise counsel throughout our lives.

PROMISES FROM GOD:

Psalm 1:1 . . . Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers.

Proverbs 18:4 . . . A person's words can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook.

CBA Kingdom Builders-Leadership Traits

Prototype “Kingdom Person” Genesis 12:1-3

Abraham is shown in both OT and NT as the prototype of all who experience God’s process of seeking to reinstate man through redemption, first and foremost, in his relationship to God by faith, without works (Romans 4:1-25). But too seldom is the second fact of redemption noted. Abraham is also shown as a case of God’s program to recover man’s “reign in life” (Romans 5:17). Abraham is designated as the “father” of all who walk his pathway of faith (4:12). As such, he is God’s revealed example of His plan to eventually reestablish His Kingdom’s rule in all the earth through people of His covenant. Through Abraham, whom He wills to become “a great nation” (restoring rule) and to whom He chooses to give a “great name” (restoring authority), God declares His plans to beget innumerable children who will be modeled after this prototypical “father of faith.” This truth is confirmed in Romans 4:13 where Abraham’s designation as “heir of the world” parallels Jesus’ promise that His followers, who humble themselves in faith, shall also be recipients of “the kingdom” and shall “inherit the earth (Matt. 5:3-5).

During these sessions you are learning skills and strategies to give you a powerful means for achieving your dreams.

On the lines below list three dreams that you would like to achieve. They can be in any area of your life; professional, personal, health, spiritual, etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How soon will you achieve them? (Circle One or Highlight)

During the next month?

In the next 6 months?

Within a year?

Sometime?

Since our greatest dreams are the farthest away from us right now, in what way are you pursuing your dreams right now? (Circle One or Highlight)

Drifter/Ordinary

Pursuer

Successful

Extraordinary

Side By Side Comparisons

How people pursue their dreams.

<u>Drifters/Ordinary</u>	<u>Pursuers</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u>
Walk through life in dress shoes.	Sprint in running shoes.	Run marathons in running shoes.	Drive towards their dreams in a Porsche Turbo Carrera.

Review the laws of extraordinary success by filling in the blanks.

The 1st Law of Extraordinary Success

People who achieve _____ outcomes do so by using _____ approaches and methods taught in schools and used by the masses. People who achieve _____ to near impossible outcomes do so by using a different set of _____ that are universally and consistently used by extraordinary achievers and are virtually unknown to the masses.

The 2nd Law of Extraordinary Success

Extraordinary achievers learn these _____ strategies from mentors (the quick way) or through the agonizing process of _____ and _____ (the slow painful way).

Identify how you currently approach your profession? (Circle One or Highlight)

Drifter/Ordinary Pursuer Successful Extraordinary

Identify how you currently approach your relationship with your spouse or significant other? (Circle One or Highlight)

Drifter/Ordinary Pursuer Successful Extraordinary

Identify how you currently approach parenting? (Circle One or Highlight)

Drifter/Ordinary Pursuer Successful Extraordinary