

Chapter 1 : 11 Wise Lessons - Essential Wisdom for Life

Lessons of Honor and Wisdom, It is the custom of Native Americans of all tribes to pass down the stories and the history of their people from one generation to the.

A 21 second wait, a pivot, then click-clack again. No, not me trying to learn to line-dance. This is the entrancing, rhythmic walk of the sentinel guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery. And I had the chance to study it over the holiday break. The click-clack comes from the famed heel clicks as the patrolling soldier pivots after taking paces back and forth in front of the famed tomb. It serves as the greatest form of honor and as an unwavering tribute for the unknown soldier it guards, and for all soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. As I watched the changing of the guard ceremony, I noticed how the silence hung like a blanket over the assembled crowd. The cold, bright, December day was muted in a deafening tone of quiet and utter respect. An unforgettable experience and a powerful reminder of key tenets of leadership--tenets that the Tomb Guards wear as neatly as their impossibly immaculate uniforms. Elite leadership is unswerving commitment The Tomb Guard have conducted their duty in an unbroken chain since Keep pacing and protecting. Unswerving commitment to the cause. These soldiers remain nameless, like those they guard. They serve with humility those who served the country. A role model characteristic for all leaders. Elite leadership is fiercely protecting your charge At one point I was startled when the Tomb Guard unexpectedly broke his silent marching to loudly bark out a command to a tourist who had let their feet drift under a railing and onto the Tomb plaza. Nothing would get anywhere near that Tomb. You may find yourself in a situation where you must fiercely protect your "charge", your organization, in one way or another. Do so with the fierceness of the Army elite. By all accounts, they relish the opportunity to serve with tremendous pride. Elite leadership is adherence to the highest standards The Tomb Guard strive for perfection. As part of their training they must memorize 35 pages of information on the history of the Tomb and the Cemetery, and recite it without error--including punctuation. You too can set high standards and make discipline and precision part of your standard operating procedure. Sloppiness in thinking and execution of ideas or ideals have no place in elite leadership. But the way they conduct themselves demands respect. Are you conducting yourself in a manner that unrelentingly commands respect? Are you living to your own standards and values without fail? Do you grant others the respect they deserve, always? The echo of the Tomb Guard should resonate with all leaders looking to be the best. Jan 12, Like this column?

Chapter 2 : What does the Bible say about honor?

The following lesson was used with a small group of students ranging from 1st Grade to 4th. The lesson coincided with the sermon series taught from Proverbs at our church. The wisdom of this Bible book is much needed by children today.

Feel free to skip the introduction by clicking on this interlink: Personally, I associate intelligence not only with the utilization of knowledge to find solutions to tricky problems but also with the capacity for abstract thought or the comprehension of complex issues. Wisdom, on the other hand, appears to be entirely different than everything intelligence stands for. It is much more intuitive, rather than based on pure logic as intelligence mostly is. During my life, I had the very honorable experience of getting in touch with a huge variety of people, from all different kinds of backgrounds. But many "if not most" of the wisdom and lessons I would like to share with you came from my personal experience, for instance from the time when my life was hanging by a thread the time I had hit rock bottom. Lessons that life teaches us I am, however, not perfect and all-knowing, which is why I would like to invite you to share your wisdom in the comment section below. I will integrate your statement into this article when time permits.

Solomon Ibn Gabriol The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others. Solomon Ibn Gabriol Before we get to the interesting part of this article, I think it might be helpful to define what wisdom really is. Wisdom is also the comprehension of what is true or right coupled with optimum judgment as to action. The intelligent can learn, comprehend, understand and meet rational decisions based on logic. A wise person knows out of experience. It is the inner knowing what to do in a given situation. In some cases, the decision that is met appears to be irrational, but more often than not it turns out to be the right thing to do. The wise person knows from within, supported by the insights gained from a reflective disposition.

Wisdom of Life 11 Wise Lessons about life and the essential wisdom to be prepared for life. What is important to you in life? Maybe you have already a definite answer to the question in which case I would like to congratulate you. In every rill a sweet instruction flows. Edward Young Everything you undergo teaches you a lesson. Do you have the courage to discover what lesson was taught? Are you brave enough to make use of the wisdom you gained? Life can be really tough, especially in times of coping with setbacks and failures. But I know from experience: Often, it took me months to let go of the ego-based grief, self-pity, and anger about what had happened. But once that work was done it gave way to a reflective approach to discovering the valuable insights and wisdom that were taught. Remember that this process takes a lot of time. Wise lessons might not immediately catch your attention, but they will come as very profound realizations once you are ready to comprehend them. With the insight that time provides, you will be able to accept the situation and be courageous enough to let go of anger and bitterness. Only then, with an impartial point of view, profound but wise lessons can be drawn from the things that happened to you, hence increasing your knowledge about the important wisdom about life.

Abraham Lincoln No one is in charge of your happiness but you. No one has the responsibility to make you happy. It is a very common misconception to believe things that lie outside of ourselves can make us happy. If you ask an unhappy person what it would take to make them happier, they will most likely enumerate the many material things that lie beyond their grasp. What they do not realize is the profound wisdom that true happiness comes from within. People think abundance can make them happy. We associate the possession of luxurious cars, big mansions and the many other tangibles this materialistic world has to offer with happiness. But the reality is: It is the wisdom that comes from personal experience that has shown many people that one will never be fully satisfied by the accumulation of fancy tangibles. If you make your happiness dependent on external influences, you set up a barrier that prevents you from discovering the happiness that lies within you. In such a case, you would be trying to fill an emptiness within you that cannot be filled with things from the outside.

Buddha Anger is destructive in nature. It makes people forget all the good qualities that characterize them as human beings. Anger turns people into instinct driven animals that are blinded by their aggression. And in this state of being it so happens that we tend to do evil things we painfully regret later. Retrospectively I would say that by holding on to anger, I harmed myself the most. The very wise lesson stated by Buddha brings it to the point:

Your anger and hatred will hurt you the most, which is quite an important wisdom for life, I think. Thomas Szasz Forgiveness is the characteristic of the strong. It really takes a lot of strength to forgive and to let go of the hurt. The alternative to forgiving is vengeance, but it will not help you to reduce the pain. Revenge "to me" is simply not the right way to let go of the emotional baggage I carry around when someone hurt me. The process of forgiving is essential to be able to let go of the hurt. Forgiveness can set you free. It can help you in releasing the built-up resentment and the emotional baggage you carry around. Life is too short to waste your time with hatred. We are afraid of failure when in reality the regret about not having tried can be by far more painful than failure in itself. To me, failure is an inevitable aspect of my life. With it comes the realization and wisdom that the only fool-proof way to avoid any kind of failure is to not try at all. The attempt to avoid failure at any cost "by not trying" is an irreversible mistake, which I regard as the worst failure of all. The most common regrets of the dying: Ann Radcliffe I think most of us will agree that money is essential to survive in this modern world. It takes no wisdom or really wise lesson to realize that. We all need enough money to support our living, to afford housing and to feed our families. The question is, do you really want to coordinate your whole life to the one and only goal of acquiring as much money as possible? Money is nothing more than a lot of coins and notes with numbers on. Money is a means to an end, not an end in itself. When someone did something very stupid, you can bet that I got a lecture about it as well. Nowadays, I know better of course. Lao Tzu What other people think of you should be none of your business. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion and you cannot change what others think of you anyways. Take notice of criticism and be thankful for feedback, but think about how much emphasis you want to put onto what other people think of you. The moment you begin to bend over backward for others, by trying to please everyone, you will lose much of your integrity; it will figuratively break your spine. You can put a mask on in order to influence what other people think about you, but sooner or later, though, they will get a glimpse of what lies behind. Stay true to yourself and there is nothing for you to regret. Another wise lesson I had to learn the hard way is that every person is on a different journey "in terms of their personal and spiritual development but also in regards to the level of knowledge and wisdom they have acquired so far. With this wisdom comes the realization that you will not be able to force them to go down a specific path. William Hazlitt People externalize because they have no trust in themselves. Instead of taking responsibility by taking action they wait for someone else to do it for them. Develop a healthy trust in yourself and take responsibility for your life, if you do not want to make your whole life dependent on others. People seek for answers to their inexplicable questions outside of themselves, when in reality they can find all the answers within themselves and might already know the answers to some of these questions. Get to know who you really are and practice the skill of listening to your intuition, or as many term it: The purpose of your life might have a lot do to with your passions, and if you seek for the works where you put your whole heart into, you might find some important hints as to what your purpose could be. John Wooden There are elements in our lives that we can neither change nor influence. And with this realization comes the wise lesson that you may not be able to change certain aspects of your life, but you can always make the best of it. All it takes is acceptance about the situation you find yourself in and the courage to discover the new opportunities that present themselves. The following articles might also be of interest to you:

Chapter 3 : Top 21 Wisdom Bible Verses – Enlightening Scripture Quotes

This free Bible lesson for children teaches the importance of Wisdom based on Proverbs It was first prepared for a Children's Church setting but would work well as Sunday School lesson about wisdom.

Ask for volunteers to share their findings. Here are some examples: Trust Jesus as our Savior and honor God. Read His word, since the Bible teaches us how to find wisdom. Stay away from wrong choices sin. If we do sin, ask for forgiveness and learn from our mistakes. Read the following statements. Have the students make a W by slanting both arms in the air if the statement shows someone exercising wisdom. Have them cross their arms and shake their heads if the statement shows someone lacking wisdom LW. Even though Damien had been coming to church for a while, he realized that he had never invited Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. He decided to make a decision to follow God. W Cara could never understand her Bible, so she quit trying to read it. She never stole anything after that. He knew it was wrong, but it got him good grades without having to work hard, so he kept doing it. Since he knew it was wrong, he ended up leaving right away. Besides, her favorite TV shows told her how to act anyway. LW Tracy had a lot of friends. When she was around them, she made bad decisions too. She decided to hang out more with the friends that helped her follow God. W Micah hated getting up for church in the mornings. His parents always made him get dressed up and go anyway. But she was afraid about what other people would think, so she decided against it. LW Learning Activity 3: Have the students create a Treasure Chest for Bible verses. Every student will need one shoebox or tissue box to transform. Use whatever you have available. As a test, have them write the benefits of wisdom discussed earlier on the outside of the box. Inside, they can place the Bible verses that they found in the Treasure Hunt. Encourage the children to find one Bible verse a day to think about and place in their Treasure Chest. You may even want to give them a list of pertinent Bible verse references, based on passages that you have been or will be studying in class.

Chapter 4 : Honor Quotes (quotes)

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Review Questions Memory Verse: It will be exciting for you to talk with your parents and share with them what you learned and hear what they learned! We are going to be studying Proverbs 1: Proverbs was mainly written by a man named Solomon. Does anyone know who Solomon is? King David was the king of Israel. God had promised David that a son born from his family would rule forever as king. Soon after Solomon became king, the Lord appeared to him at night. Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of Yours, which is so great? A proverb is a short, wise, easy-to-learn saying that calls a person to action. There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. It will help us to define what knowledge and wisdom is. Knowledge is to have an understanding about information. Wisdom is taking that understanding and putting that understanding into practice. It is absolute truth. Many of us know what the Bible says. Knowing what the Bible says is knowledge. Many times knowing is so much easier than doing. Can you think of things believers know we are to do, to live lives that please Jesus? Allow responses-the following are a few options Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. How many of these do we completely obey by putting into practice every day? Why do we need God? We need God to help us put into practice what we know about Him. We need God for wisdom. Did you see the different groups of people who need wisdom? We need God for salvation. We can never have true wisdom until we put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You may know many facts from the Bible. You may know that you are a sinner. You may know that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose again. You may know that if you believe in Jesus you will have forgiveness of sin. Unless you move from knowledge to putting your faith in Jesus you cannot please God by obeying all the things we learn in the Book of Proverbs. Without faith it is impossible to please God. The moment a person believes the Holy Spirit comes to live in their heart. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit helps you understand the Word of God. We need God for wisdom What is Truth? You can use the search feature to find even more ideas from Proverbs. We also have a Bible object lesson using pizza that could relate to this lesson plan.

Chapter 5 : The Law of the Jungle

Harold Pillsbury, MD, chair of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, is known as one of the more colorful figures in his field, with a bright smile“usually accompanied by a bow tie”and a forthright demeanor.

Tap here to turn on desktop notifications to get the news sent straight to you. When I first began to follow her example, I had a difficult time discerning the guidance coming my way. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going. Harriet was born into slavery and raised in a world with no hope. Still, she dreamed her dreams and did what she had to do. She broke the law of the land by following the North Star to freedom. Where did a woman who was whipped as a child get that kind of courage? Harriet had a deep and abiding faith that she was being guided. She was steadfast in her conviction that all she had to do was keep going and God would take care of the details. She shepherded over slaves to freedom. If any of her fugitive charges became faint-hearted and wanted to turn around, she threatened to shoot them. Turning back could mean death to them all. She gave them no choice but to keep going. I, too, have been known to buckle and want to backtrack. Somehow the pain of the mundane seems safer than pioneering into new territory. She always remembered to ask for direction and then listen for the answer. The way was always made clear. For her, there was no other choice than to pay attention to the "still, small voice within. We lead busy lives and often times are too distracted to be aware of any inner knowing. I make a practice of this and live a life far easier than when I was going it alone. Below are the tools I learned from Harriet on how to accomplish this: When working in the fields, there was plenty of time to pray and listen for direction. Today television and electronic devices can keep us so preoccupied that we never give ourselves a chance to communicate with a Higher Power. Making a habit of having periods of quiet throughout the day is a good way to begin developing a working relationship with Him. We can reason any type of inner guidance away with intellect, but logic often is a hinderance. Something you should move forward with is always accompanied by feelings of peace or joy. Harriet was often foretold how to sidestep dangers in hers. Keep a journal beside your bed to write them down. She could feel trouble deep in her bones. Never discount the gift of these signals. Take baby steps when you begin following your inner wisdom to test the process out. I did and discovered rather quickly that the God that was there for Harriet watches over us all.

Chapter 6 : Is It Wise? Object Lessons - Free Bible Lessons

5 Lessons From Harriet Tubman to Help You Follow Your Inner Wisdom in Honor of Black History Month Studying Harriet Tubman's life has made me a believer in praying for help.

The Nine Noble Virtues: The main book that these virtues are taken from is called the Havamal, which I have written about in a previous blog many months ago. You may also enjoy going back in my archive and reading some of the quotes from this short but enlightening book. The Havamal contains a lot of wisdom and also gives insight into the culture and values of the Vikings. The Nine Noble Virtues fit perfectly into the warrior lifestyle, as one would expect since they originated from a warrior culture. These virtues coincide with the virtues of warrior cultures throughout the world, and once again proves that true character and honor is universal. This is very appropriate because without courage, you cannot live up to your code of honor for very long. The Vikings were known for their courage and bravery in battle, but courage applies to more than simply being brave in battle. Courage actually applies to every part of your life. It takes courage to do what you know is right, especially when those around you disagree with your point of view. In our politically correct society, courage is more important than ever. Your personal values may be challenged on a daily basis. Standing for what you believe can take a lot of courage. You must have enough conviction in your beliefs to stand for what you believe and live your life by your own code. This does not mean that you act in rash and tactless ways. There is a difference in being courageous and in being stupid. Have the courage to live by your own code of honor, but do so with wisdom and discretion. The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. Emerson The brave and generous have the best lives. The Havamal Truth You should have enough confidence in your beliefs and your actions to be truthful. Truth is simply being honest about what you believe or know to be true and right. Lying, in most cases, is an act of cowardice. Live according to what you believe in your heart to be right and you will have no reason to lie about your actions. While it is true that different people see things differently, and thus perceive the truth in different ways, that should not affect you. You live by your truth as best you can. The main thing to consider where truth is concerned, is to always be truthful with yourself. Do not deceive yourself anymore than you would deceive someone else. The true warrior must make truth a part of his or her life, but as with courage, it is important to remember that you must do so in the right way. There is a right way and wrong way to do everything. Sometimes lying is the right thing to do. The Vikings permitted lying if you were being lied to. The true warrior understands that honor is not black and white. Every action must be evaluated by whether or not it is right and it originates from pure intentions. There is always a way to be honest without being brutal. Author Dobrin There should be truth in thought, truth in speech, and truth in action. Gandhi Honor Without honor, there can be no true warrior, or true human being as far as that goes. As I just said, honor is not a black and white character trait. It is hard to define. One could define honor as your internal integrity or dignity. Many people wrongfully think that their honor simply has to do with their reputation, but that is not true. You determine your own honor, or lack of honor, by staying true to your own beliefs and living according to your own code of honor. Your personal honor is determined internally by your own commitment to live up to your predetermined ethics. It is your intentions and your actions which determine your honor, not what someone else thinks. The true warrior, who lives by a code of honor, will have very few regrets in life because he will know that he has done the best that he can to live a life of honor with truth and purity of intention. Honor is a harder master than the law. Samuel Coleridge Fidelity The word fidelity simply means being faithful. There are many things that you can be faithful to, not all of them of honorable. Fidelity as used in the Nine Noble Virtues refers to being faithful or loyal to God, to yourself and your beliefs, to your family, and to your friends. The warrior will defend his family and friends no matter what the cost, because of his dedication to this virtue. Being loyal and faithful to those that the warrior loves is non-negotiable. The Vikings knew this. This is not the same thing as seeking revenge. There is a difference in revenge and in fulfilling an obligation to your loved ones. Only those with honor can be true friends because it takes loyalty, faithfulness and honor to be a true friend. All others are mere acquaintances. The true warrior is also a true friend once that bond has been entered into. He will take his fidelity to his

friends and family seriously, as he does his spiritual relationship with his God. The Havamal Be slow to give your friendship, but when you have given it, strive to make it lasting. Isocrates Discipline Discipline, as referred to in the Nine Noble Virtues, mostly means self-discipline. These virtues or qualities are not perfected overnight. It takes discipline to live according to your own personal code of ethics. The true warrior lives according to his own code, rather than according to what corrupt politicians or cultural standards dictate. This means that he must exercise a great deal of self-discipline. If the warrior is going to live by his own standards, he must be willing to control his own actions. In order for the warrior to stay true to his own principles and virtues, he must develop self-discipline. He who lives without discipline dies without honor. Icelandic Proverb What lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do. Aristotle Hospitality Hospitality is definitely a warrior trait. The warrior is expected to treat others with respect and dignity. You must see other people as people who deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy. The Vikings believed that sometimes the gods would visit people in human form and that in being disrespectful to strangers they could also be disrespecting the gods. The Bible also states a similar belief, stating that many people have entertained angels unknowingly when they have entertained strangers. Whether or not angels or gods visit people in the form of strangers is irrelevant. What matters is that you treat everyone with respect and courtesy. The warrior does this because it is a part of his own code of ethics. You should treat others with hospitality not because they deserve it, but because that is how you behave towards other people. It has to do with your own principles; what others deserve has nothing to do with it. It is the task of a good man to help those in misfortune. Sophocles We should behave to our friends as we would wish our friends to behave to us. Aristotle Industriousness Industriousness simply means the willingness to work hard at whatever you do. If something is worth doing, do it well. Do it with pride and do it to the best of your ability. The Vikings looked down on those who were lazy and felt that their gods looked down on those who were lazy also. The warrior has to work hard and smart to take care of his family. The true warrior is a person of excellence. He or she will do everything with care and detail. Mediocre acts are not acceptable. Warriors set high expectations for themselves in everything that they do, and they refuse to lower their standards in their work or their personal beliefs. He preaches well that lives well. Cervantes Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. The warrior is responsible for taking care of himself and his family; this is his first and foremost duty in life. Being dependent on someone else for your own needs puts you in a dangerous position. Such a position can make it very hard on the warrior as he may be put into a position to choose between his standards and principles or his job. For this reason, it is best to strive to be as independent of outside influences as possible. Being frugal and financially stable is an important part of being self-reliant. Do your best not to have to depend on other people for your welfare. It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow. Aesop The greatest fruit of self-sufficiency is freedom. Epicurus Perseverance Without perseverance you will not be successful in applying the Nine Noble Virtues in your life.

Chapter 7 : Bible Lesson: Proverbs-Wisdom is applying God's Truth" blog.quintoapp.com

Col. Wesley Fox is a Medal of Honor recipient who wrote two widely-admired accounts of his wartime experiences in the Marine Corps. His Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps and Courage and Fear: A Primer are considered classic war memoirs.

Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants. But biblical history is clear, there were times when this man held to great sincerity of interests and affection for the Lord, though his consistency and follow-through was obviously failed. This prayer is an example of a good time, and instructs us in several good ways. His succession to the throne had not been easy. What can we discover from this? This is evidence of his imperfection. Good intentions were not fully carried out, thus he was imperfect in his efforts. Let us consider that imperfection is reason to pray, never a reason to neglect speaking to God. It may be argued, in fact, the more we struggle; the less perfect we are, the more we need to speak to God and ask for His help and make good commitments to Him. Here is a man with enough love for the Lord to respond to God and make requests in prayer, at least at this point in his life. What he says is rooted in his trust in the good and faithful God his father taught him to serve. What would your answer be? Our first response might not be our best. Solomon had enough love for the Lord to know what he needed. He needed to receive wisdom from the highest source. We need this humble sense of our weakness and need. And we need to take those weaknesses and needs to the Lord in sincere prayer. While we are not assigned the leadership of a nation, the navigation of our personal lives requires wisdom and discretion. But all such efforts ought to be accompanied by prayer to the Father through Jesus, that we might be wise. Read the first three chapters of 1 Kings! Perhaps you will conclude Solomon should have offered up this prayer earlier. It is always commendable and necessary to remember what God has done for your family, that brought you to where you are now in life. How soon we may forget how God has providentially nurtured us and blessed us through our families. Do not let such memories and gratefulness slip from your mind. Tell God how you appreciate it. We ought to be willing to say to the Father: Help me learn and grow and do right. No matter where you are in history, geography, culture, or position " you need this skill: It is the capacity to see issues, recognize temptations, and know what is right and wrong, based on divine truth. Fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, single people " all need this skill. Children need to learn it; preachers need to preach it; teachers need to illustrate it; sinners need to embrace it and Christians need to use it from now on. Discerning between right and wrong is a critical life skill. Pray God to help you acquire it, and accompany all such praying with your diligent study of His Word, His Standard! Our influence on others is directly related to our capacity to see what is right and wrong. While we are not charged to lead a nation, we are charged to let our lights shine and exert a good influence on others. That serious charge cannot be well done if we are unclear about right and wrong. An unknown civil war soldier wrote this eloquent testimony: I asked for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered; I am, among all men, most richly blessed. So the Bible says that It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. Berkley From Expository Files

Chapter 8 : Lessons of Honor and Wisdom (book) by Storm Hendrickson on AuthorsDen

7 Lessons From Socrates on Wisdom, Wealth, and the Good Life care so much about laying up the greatest amount of money and honor and reputation, and so little about wisdom and truth and the.

How can temple attendance help us when we are weighed down with problems? President Ezra Taft Benson said: Under the influence of the Spirit, sometimes pure knowledge flows to us there. Temples are places of personal revelation. When I have been weighed down by a problem or a difficulty, I have gone to the House of the Lord with a prayer in my heart for answers. How might a temple do this? Invite class members to share examples of how they or others have become interested in the Church because of their interest in temples. How can temple attendance help us perfect our hearts? What can we do to keep the influence of the temple strong in our lives? Attend frequently where possible, keep a current recommend, and display pictures of temples in our homes. What did the people do after the temple was dedicated? What was the attitude of the people as they returned to their homes after the temple dedication and the 14 days of worship? How do you feel when you return home from the temple? Note that the Lord made a similar statement during the construction of the temple. Why do you think Solomon needed to be reminded of his covenants? How does the Lord remind us of our covenants? Solomon becomes excessively wealthy and marries many non-Israelite women who persuade him to worship idols. How did Solomon misuse these blessings? How should wisdom, riches, and honor be used? He married out of the covenant. How have you seen these strengths contribute to the downfall of people today? How can we ensure that our strengths do not become a downfall for us? The quality we must cultivate is humility. Humility is the great protector. Humility is the antidote against pride. Humility is the catalyst for all learning, especially spiritual things. Through the prophet Moroni, the Lord gave us this great insight into the role of humility: Conclusion Express your gratitude for the spiritual and material blessings the Lord has given you and for the temple. Encourage class members to humble themselves before the Lord so they can use their blessings wisely and enter the temple worthily. Additional Teaching Ideas The following material supplements the suggested lesson outline. You may want to use one or more of these ideas as part of the lesson. Dedicatory prayers for temples If any class members have attended a temple dedication, ask one or two of them to tell about their experience. You may want to ask a class member to prepare to share two or three insights from the dedicatory prayer of a latter-day temple. Doctrine and Covenants contains the prayer offered at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple. Dedicatory prayers of newly dedicated temples are sometimes printed in the Ensign. How should dedicatory prayers influence our personal lives?

Chapter 9 : Lessons from Eve - Russell M. Nelson

The Parable of The Ambitious Guest is a short Parable of Jesus that teaches an important lesson on humility, plus valuable & practical lessons on Honor, Status, Pride, Pride vs Humility, Wisdom, Being Humble, Avoiding Humiliation, Disgrace & Embarrassment, and How to be a guest.

President Hinckley and President Monson, we extend our love to you and your companions. The attendance of members of the First Presidency symbolizes their support for each of us. On their behalf, I extend their gratitude and love to all of you. Sister Doxey has recounted the privilege that each of us has to strengthen the family—the basic component of society, and the fundamental unit of the Church. The route more closely resembles an obstacle course with hurdles, puddles, or snares lurking around every turn we make. Victory comes only to those who muster the faith to stay on the track—the strait and narrow way. Sister Winder has put our purpose in perspective. And she has emphasized one of the means by which true joy is realized: As the male participant tonight, I bear a great responsibility to convey deep feelings of gratitude. For the men of the Church, I say thank you! Not only do I express gratitude, but our affection as well. Represented in this vast audience are our dear companions, our mothers, our sisters, our daughters, and our granddaughters. We respect and honor you. We support your wonderful efforts. We are grateful to receive the benefit of your counsel and insights in challenges we share as partners. And we thank you as mothers or potential mothers for your partnership with God in providing life. Without women, the whole purpose of the creation of this world would be in vain. This truth we learn from scriptures about the priesthood, the Creation, Adam and Eve. The Lord then revealed that Abraham was one of them, chosen and foreordained before he was born. Scriptural verse then continues: You will recall that after the earth had been created, divided, beautified, and inhabited with plant and animal life, the crowning achievement of the Creation was to be man—the human being. The very purpose of creation was to provide bodies, to enable these eagerly awaiting spirits to enjoy mortal life and experiences. What was the role of the priesthood in the process of creation? The Prophet Joseph Smith taught: Widtsoe, Salt Lake City: Thus, priesthood is the power of God. Its ordinances and covenants are to bless men and women alike. By that power, the earth was created. Under the direction of the Father, Jehovah was the creator. As Michael, Adam did his part. He became the first man. But, in spite of the power and glory of creation to that point, the final link in the chain of creation was still missing. All the purposes of the world and all that was in the world would be brought to naught without woman—a keystone in the priesthood arch of creation. From the rib of Adam, Eve was formed see Gen. Interesting to me is the fact that animals fashioned by our Creator, such as dogs and cats, have thirteen pairs of ribs, but the human being has one less with only twelve. I presume another bone could have been used, but the rib, coming as it does from the side, seems to denote partnership. The rib signifies neither dominion nor subservience, but a lateral relationship as partners, to work and to live, side by side. Adam and Eve were joined together in marriage for time and for all eternity by the power of that everlasting priesthood see Gen. Eve came as a partner, to build and to organize the bodies of mortal men. She was designed by Deity to cocreate and nurture life, that the great plan of the Father might achieve fruition. She was the first of all women. From our study of Eve, we may learn five fundamental lessons of everlasting importance: She labored beside her companion see Moses 5: She and Adam bore the responsibilities of parenthood see Moses 5: She and her partner worshipped the Lord in prayer see Moses 5: She and Adam heeded divine commandments of obedience and sacrifice see Moses 5: She and her husband taught the gospel to their children see Moses 5: From these five fundamental lessons, we can study patterns which apply to present-day circumstances. Let us review them, lesson by lesson. She labored beside her companion. Adam held the priesthood. Eve served in matriarchal partnership with the patriarchal priesthood. So today, each wife may join with her husband as a partner unified in purpose. Marvelously, it takes a man and a woman to make a man or a woman. Without union of the sexes, neither can we exist, nor can we become perfect. Ordinary and imperfect people can build each other through their wholeness together. The complete contribution of one partner to the other is essential to exaltation. So labor and love in partnership. Any sense of competition for place or position is not appropriate for either partner, especially when enlightened by

scriptural understanding. As Adam bore responsibilities of fatherhood, so Eve bore the responsibilities of motherhood. She did not shirk them. So with welcome arms you may gratefully greet those children God may send, through your divine design as cocreator. With your husband, be obedient to the commandment to multiply and replenish the earth, as your opportunity, your spiritual guidance, your wisdom, and your health allow. You will gain joy and rejoicing in your posterity. That enrichment becomes more beautiful and precious with each passing year. For you childless sisters and those without companions, remember the eternal timetable of the Lord is much longer than the lonely hours of your preparation or the total of this mortal life. These are only as microseconds when compared to eternity. Your willingness and worthiness are surely known to Him. The spiritual rewards of motherhood are available to all women. Nurturing the young, comforting the frightened, protecting the vulnerable, teaching and giving encouragement need not be limited to our own children. I know something of the pressures you feel. Your kitchens are too small. Your budgets are too tight. Demands upon you exceed your capacity to help all who cry out to you. Take time for spiritual regeneration. They also reflect her sense of priority: So quiet down, cobwebs. This she has done simply by being herself. When priorities are in place, one can more patiently tolerate unfinished business. And while it passes, remember the precious eternal perspective. As you faithfully endure to the end, you will gain rewards promised by your Father in Heaven. Eve and her partner worshipped the Lord in prayer. As each of us follows that pattern of prayer, blessings of wisdom and personal peace will ensue. Pray alone in your closet in the solitude of your own sanctuary. Pour out the longings of your soul. Then pray with and for your husband, your sons and daughters, your sister and brother, your mother and father and all in your family. Let the weight of your innocence be felt as you lovingly motivate others to good works. With your mind so attuned to the Lord and his power, your influence for good becomes immeasurably great. And in this world of sin and temptation, the power of prayer will protect you and be a shield for your loved ones. I plead with the women of the Church to accept individual responsibility to know and to love the Lord. He will impress upon your mind inspiration and personal revelation to give you strength. Eve and her husband heeded divine commandments of obedience and sacrifice. This direction to worship and sacrifice was obeyed by Adam and Eve. When Christ came to the earth, he fulfilled the promised role as he became the ultimate sacrificial lamb. His atonement brought about a greater destiny and a nobler concept for us. We are still commanded to sacrifice, but not by shedding blood of animals. Our highest sense of sacrifice is achieved as we make ourselves more sacred or holy. This we do by our obedience to the commandments of God. Thus, the laws of obedience and sacrifice are indelibly intertwined.