

Ten Internalized Values of a Wise Person

1. Absolutes

All values come from God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight.*

2. Stewardship

All possessions come from God

Proverbs 3:9 *Honor the Lord from your wealth, from the first of all your produce.*

3. Motives

All activity is to be done for God's glory.

Proverbs 8:13 *The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate.*

4. Dependence

All of life is dependent upon God.

Proverbs 1:23 *Turn to my reproof. Behold, I pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.*

5. Humility

All of our worth is borrowed from God.

Proverbs 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.*

6. Praise

We were created to worship God.

Proverbs 3:15, 8:11 *Nothing you desire compares with me.*

Ps.145:4 *One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.*

7. Conviction

We are sinners in need of a savior

Proverbs 20:9 *Who can say, I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from sin?*

8. Inquiry

We are called to think God's thoughts.

Proverbs 4:5-8 *Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding...the beginning of wisdom is, acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding.*

9. Fruitfulness

We are to produce for God.

Proverbs 12:11,12, 27

He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who pursues vain things lacks sense.

The wicked desires the booty of the evil men, but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

A slothful man does not roast his prey, but the precious possession of a man is diligence.

10. Grace

God loves us in spite of our performance.

Proverbs 3:34 *Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted.*