



Double Portion:

Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 19-20
- Proverbs 16:31
- I Kings 12:13-14
- Hebrews 13:7

GRAY IS THE ORIGINAL

GOOGLE

- The Crown of Glory
- The “Me” Generation
- Seek, Observe & Emulate

Oh my how things have changed. Many cultures have shifted away from venerating their aged population, and moved toward esteem for their young. We have become child-centric with the vast majority of our attention invested in the activities, opinions, interests and desires of youth.

Yet, the Scriptures paint a very different priority. God’s word demands that considerably more emphasis be placed on the gray-headed generation. And it becomes strikingly obvious that this attention is not simply because they need to be provided for in their old age. Rather, it is a directive to revere the older generation with such honor, as if their silver locks were a crown of glory.

That’s right, the gray hair that adorns the heads of our elders is likened to wisdom and understanding, a crown of glory if it is found

atop those practicing righteousness. But instead, the superficiality of today's common culture has inspired our sages to cover up the "splendor of old age" with dyes and treatments.

Somehow we have descended into the "me generation." This is a whole crop of entitled young people who can't resist "selfie everything." Every Instagram post, every complaining Tweet, every silly TikTok, and practically every photo opportunity is about self. As such, it should be no surprise that they've left behind the connection to and reverence for the silver generation. It has rapidly declined into the practice of, "ask Google everything and let the wisdom of a dying age die with them."

It used to be we would sit at the feet of our elders, gleaning their wisdom and advice; they are the original Google. If you needed to know something, anything, they are where you searched. Remember those who came before you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith you should emulate, as you consider the years of experience resulting in what you see in them. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in them, these things learn from them and do. Let us never forget how the Scriptures equate the gray hair of the aged to the wisdom of the ages! Your life just might depend on it; Solomon thought so! "The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below."

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19:32 NKJV

“He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.” Proverbs

15:32-33 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him; and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!”” I Kings

12:13-14 NKJV

“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.” Hebrews 13:7 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. In 2021 this portion was included in a **Double Portion** which was titled [Blood, Law & Love](#). In 2020 it was taught as an **Individual Portion**. You can see it here: [Awake!](#)
2. "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Leviticus 19 describes the holy community through a series of specific commandments. Leviticus 20 warns against the snares of sexual immorality and idolatry, mandating a death penalty for certain sins.

Leviticus 19

3. **The Emphasis on Laws is Restated:** and the purpose for them, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."
 - (a) Revere your mother and father.
 - (b) Keep My Sabbaths
 - (c) Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods.
 - (d) You shall offer a peace offering of your own free will; eat it within two days, after that burn it in the fire. If eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination.
 - (e) When you reap a harvest, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your fields or vineyards; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger.
 - (f) You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

- (g) And you shall not swear by Yahweh's name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: (Y'shua taught us about oaths in Matthew 5:33-37, often misinterpreted to mean you shall not make any oaths at all, when it actually implies that you shall not make any false oaths. A lie is a lie no matter how 'holy' a thing you swear upon.)
- (h) You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him.
- (i) The wages of him who is hired shall not remain in your own pocket until morning.
- (j) You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind.
- (k) You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.
- (l) In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.
- (m) You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor:
- (n) You shall not hate your brother in your heart (Y'shua taught on this in Matthew 5:21-22 when He compared hatred in your heart with murder).
- (o) You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him (Lev. 19:17) and (See Malachi 1:10).
- (p) You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against others, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Lev.

19:18) Y'shua taught us this in Mark 12:28-34 and Matthew 22:34-4 when He combined this very scripture with Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

- (q) You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.
- (r) Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be a scourging; And he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord. The priest shall make atonement and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.
- (s) When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, for three years it shall not be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy and in the fifth year you may eat it that it may yield its increase.
- (t) You shall not eat anything with the blood.
- (u) You shall not practice divination or soothsaying. Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them. They are to be put to death!
- (v) You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.

- (w) You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you!
 - (x) Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.
 - (y) You shall keep Yahweh's Sabbaths and reverence His sanctuary.
 - (z) You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God.
 - (aa) If a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: (think mixed multitude in Exodus 12:36, and one new man in Ephesians 2 and treatment of strangers in Deuteronomy 10:18-20).
 - (bb) You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales, honest weights.
4. Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them. "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) And see also Y'shua's words: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these

commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)

Leviticus 20

5. Penalties for Breaking the Law:

- (a) Whoever gives any of his descendants to Molech (Israelite or Foreigner dwelling with you) to defile Yahweh’s sanctuary and profane His holy name shall surely be put to death.
- (b) And if anyone knows about such and hide his eyes, and does not enact the penalty he and his family will be cut off from his people. (Leviticus 20:4-5) See Malachi 1:10.
- (c) The person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them will cut off from his people.
- (d) Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy**, for I am the Lord your God. **Keep My statutes, and perform them:** I am the Lord who **sanctifies** you. (Leviticus 20:7-8) Do you see what the sanctification process looks like? If you love Me, Obey Me!
- (e) Everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- (f) The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress**, shall surely be put to death. (Leviticus

20:10) Think of the account of the woman accused of adultery in John 8:1-12.

- (g) The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (h) If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (i) If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death.
- (j) If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire.
- (k) If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal.
- (l) If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal.
- (m) If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. They shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people. (Leviticus 20:18)

- (n) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister.
- (o) If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.
- (p) If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. They shall be childless.
- (1) Not to be confused with law of the Levirate Marriage in Deuteronomy 25:5-10, which obligates a surviving brother to take his deceased brother's wife, who has born no male child, in order to give her a male child, so his brothers name will not be blotted out from the earth. This is a deep teaching for another time. But in short, this was, in a sense, what took place when Solomon bore a 2nd child with Bathsheba (the first died because of the adulterous conception and murder, so the 2nd became the firstborn), and in whom became the lineage of our Messiah. In the genealogy, as described in Matthew 1:1-17, the deceased 'brother' is named in addition to Solomon! *"and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her **who had been the wife of Uriah.**"* (Matthew 1:6) Uriah was killed without a son and his name would have been forgotten in history (blotted out) had not Yahweh's

amazing laws commanded that his name be remembered.
And how so? He and not Bathsheba is named in the
lineage of our Blessed Savior!

6. You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.
 - (a) “You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.
 - (b) I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.
 - (c) You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean.
 - (d) And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples.

THE CROWN OF GLORY

1. The Splendor of Old Age

A. Wisdom

- (1) Gray Hair: venerating the aged population and the splendor of old age. (if you have no hair we can see it in your eyes—you eyebrows and beards!)

(a) The older generation, those wearing the crown of silver hair, are meant to be the most honored in our culture. We should stand in their presence and glean from their wisdom. The hair atop their heads speaks of the years of experience, the greatest teacher of us all.

1. “You shall **rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man**, and fear your God: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:32 NKJV
2. “The **silver-haired head is a crown of glory**, If it is found in the way of righteousness.” Proverbs 16:31 NKJV
3. “Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne. The glory of young men is their strength, **And the splendor of old men is their gray head.**” Proverbs 20:28-29 NKJV
4. **Note:** [Wisdom Keepers](#) is a project of Elev8Life educational foundation that honors the wisdom of our senior generation by gleaning and cataloguing their wisdom and advice. It is honoring and preserving the voices and experiences of a generation soon to be gone forever.

(2) The Origin of Wisdom

(a) Wisdom is called the Master Craftsman who was there from the beginning. Before the primal dust of creation, wisdom was there. Wisdom is personified as the daily delight of the Father!

1. **“Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice? ...“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,”** Proverbs 8:1, 22-30 NKJV

(b) Because wisdom is the foundation, blessed are those who keep the ways of wisdom! And then we see the ultimate personification of wisdom, pointing to Christ Himself! "Whoever find Me finds life; but he who sins against Me damages his soul and if you hate Me you must want to die!"

1. "Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men. "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, **For blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise,** And do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. **For whoever finds me finds life,** And obtains favor from the Lord; **But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.**" Proverbs 8:31-36 NKJV

(c) Who was there from the beginning? The Word. Who is the Master Craftsman through whom all things were made (as it says in Proverbs 8)? The firstborn of all creation, Christ! He is that which we've had from the beginning!

1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **He was in the**

beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4 NKJV

2. **“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things,** and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV

3. **“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon,** and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—” I John 1:1-2 NKJV

(d) Wisdom was in the beginning through whom all things were made. Fathers (our elders) know this! Christ was in

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1. "I write to you, fathers, Because **you have known Him who is from the beginning...** I have written to you, fathers, **Because you have known Him who is from the beginning...**" I John 2:13-14 NKJV
2. "...Christ the power of God **and the wisdom of God.**" I Corinthians 1:24 NKJV

(3) The Gray Head of Wisdom

(a) The Wisdom of Christ is with aged men! Seek them for counsel and understanding!

1. "**Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding. "With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.**" Job 12:12-13 NKJV

(b) Wisdom also has a feminine voice. An excellent wife is the crown of wisdom (gray hair) atop her husband's head. She is the helper made for him, the Spirit of truth to teach and remind her husband! The Spirit of wisdom and revelation will help you understand the power you have in you!

1. "Does not **wisdom** cry out, And understanding **lift up her voice?**" Proverbs 8:1 NKJV (see all of proverbs 8)

2. **“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,** But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.” Proverbs 12:4 NKJV
3. “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper** comparable to him.”” Genesis 2:18 NKJV
4. ““If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give **you another Helper,** that He may abide with you forever— **the Spirit of truth,** whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” John 14:15-17 NKJV
5. **“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,** whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance** all things that I said to you.” John 14:26 NKJV
6. “The **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of **wisdom and understanding,** The Spirit of **counsel and might,** The Spirit of **knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.**” Isaiah 11:2 NKJV
7. “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him,"
Ephesians 1:16-17 NKJV (*See Ephesians 1:19-23 and the revelation of power you have available to you.*)

(4) The Man's Head

(a) Wisdom (Christ) is on the head (the gray hair) of every believing man! In turn man can serve as the "gray hair" of his wife!

1. "But I want you to know that **the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.**" I Corinthians 11:3 NKJV
2. "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church;** and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."
Ephesians 5:22-24 NKJV
3. "And **He is the head of the body,** the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." Colossians 1:18 NKJV

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THE "ME" GENERATION

2. Rejecting Counsel, Repeating Mistakes and "Selfie-ness"

A. Rejecting Counsel

(1) A Multitude of Counselors

- (a) We have already personified wisdom. A son who ignores the wisdom of his father (elders) is a fool, destitute of discernment. Engagement absent the advice and counsel of multiple elders is a recipe for failure.

1. "A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother. **Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment,** But a man of understanding walks uprightly. **Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established."**

Proverbs 15:20-22 NKJV

(2) Good Counsel

- (a) King Rehoboam was in position to receive wise counsel. He consulted with the elders around him and was given sound advice. Be a Servant Leader! Serve the the people; listen to them when they have something to say and be responsive to their requests; and be kind to them by speaking words of life over your people. Do this and they will serve you forever! Wise counsel for sure!
1. “And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king. So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was still in Egypt, for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt), that they sent and called him. **Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam,** saying, “Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.” So he said to them, “Depart for three days, then come back to me.” And the people departed. **Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders** who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, “**How do you advise me** to answer

these people?" And they spoke to him, saying, "**If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.**" I Kings 12:1-7 NKJV

B. Repeating Mistakes

(1) Duplicating mistakes, instead of learning from them...

(a) The word says this: *"...Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, But a man of understanding walks uprightly. Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established."*

(Proverbs 15:20-22) And *"Mercy and truth preserve the king, and by lovingkindness he upholds his throne. The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head."* (Proverbs 20:28-29) Clearly king Rehoboam is destitute of discernment as he rejects the counsel of his elders and decides to go with the opposite of lovingkindness. I am sure he fancies himself a strong young man, but he shows no honor for the wisdom of the sages. He rejects their advice and instead seeks the advice of young men!

1. **"But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had**

grown up with him, who stood before him." I Kings
12:8 NKJV

(b) He seeks the young men about how he should consider the advice of the older men, who told him to lighten the load that Solomon placed on the people.

1. "And he said to them, "**What advice do you give?** How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, '**Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?**'?" I Kings 12:9 NKJV

(c) Instead of the sound advice of his elders, Rehoboam goes with the opinion of his contemporaries. "Don't make it easier on the people; make it harder!"

1. "Then the young men **who had grown up with him** spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist! **And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!**' "" I Kings 12:10-11 NKJV

(d) Rehoboam had not hidden himself from evil and is ultimately punished. He loses half his kingdom and even what remains is eventually subdued by Egypt. (See I Kings 12-14) It's as if he thinks repeating the ways of his father will get him better results, like a dog who vomits up poison, only to eat it again, as if this time it will be nourishing.

1. "A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and **are punished.**" Proverbs 22:3 NKJV

2. "But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "**A dog returns to his own vomit,**" and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."" II Peter 2:22 NKJV

(e) The Worst Mistake of All; the worst type of vomit to eat again...going back to sins for which you've already been forgiven! The sins are gone and you should never chase them down again. Not going back to your sins is likened to traveling from east to west. No matter how far you travel, as long as you are going east, you will never be going west. That is not so when traveling north! You can only go so far north before you find yourself

traveling south again. Be an “east-west” Christian, not a “north-south” Christian.

1. **“How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”**

Romans 6:2 NKJV

2. “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV

3. **“As far as the east is from the west,** So far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalms 103:12 NKJV

(2) Warning / Example

- (a) Warning: all of our fathers who were in the wilderness proved faithless, and God was not pleased with them, so they died in the desert!

1. “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them **God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.**” I Corinthians 10:1-5 NKJV

- (b) Example: you **MUST** see this as an example and proof that following the lusts of your flesh never ends well!
1. “**Now these things became our examples**, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.” I Corinthians 10:6 NKJV
- (c) Warning: do not be involved with idolatry, sexual immorality, yielding to temptation, or complaining. It will not end well!
1. “**And do not become idolaters as were some of them**. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” **Nor let us commit sexual immorality**, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; **nor let us tempt Christ**, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; **nor complain**, as some of them also complained, **and were destroyed by the destroyer**.” I Corinthians 10:7-10 NKJV
- (d) Example: this advice is recorded for you to refer to, so you do not repeat the same mistakes!
1. “**Now all these things happened to them as examples**, and they were written for **our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” I Corinthians 10:11 NKJV

C. Selfie-ness

(1) When “self” is on the throne...

(a) What a display of self indulgence! King Rehoboam did not want the excellent and sage advice of the elders, but instead chose to follow the counsel of the young men (his contemporaries).

1. “So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, “Come back to me the third day.”” I Kings 12:12 NKJV

2. “Then the king answered the people roughly, and **rejected the advice which the elders had given him; and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men**, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!”” I Kings 12:13-14 NKJV

(2) The Foolishness of Youth

(a) Ignoring the counsel of your elders is not wise, rather you should encourage them to guide you. But, when you have already made a decision and you are seeking advice only for the show, it is like the foolishness of an immature mind (heart).

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Summary: THE "ME" GENERATION

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(1) A Multitude of Counselors

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this and they will serve you forever! Wise counsel for sure!

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(1) Duplicating mistakes, instead of learning from them...

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- (d) Example: this advice is recorded for you to refer to, so you do not repeat the same mistakes!

C. Selfie-ness

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Proverbs 15:23 NKJV

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- (1) It starts with a willingness to be corrected!
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 1. **“A fool despises his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.”** Proverbs 15:5 NKJV
- (2) It starts in the home!
 - (a) Start training and teaching your children when they are young, and they will be more likely to gravitate towards seeking wisdom throughout their lives.
 1. **“Train up a child in the way he should go,** And when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 NKJV
 2. **“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to**

your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7
NKJV

(b) Don't go easy on your children. Legitimate sons are restrained and redirected! If you are not willing to discipline your children, then it's as if you don't love them! It will not seem pleasant to them while it is happening, but trust me, in the end they will appreciate the wisdom and training. *“Happy is the man who finds wisdom and gains understanding; Her proceeds are better than silver and gold.”*

1. **“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:** “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”** If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? **But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.** Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them

respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, **but He for our profit**, that we may be partakers of His holiness. **Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**"

Hebrews 12:5-11 NKJV

- a) "My son, **do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.** Happy is the man **who finds wisdom**, And the man who gains understanding; For her **proceeds are better than the profits** of silver, And her gain than fine gold." Proverbs 3:11-14 NKJV

(c) What profit comes from the words of the wise, should you receive them?

1. "**Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise**, And **apply your heart to my knowledge**; For it is a pleasant thing **if you keep them within you**; Let them all be **fixed upon your lips**, So that your trust may be

in the Lord; I have instructed you today, even you.

Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, That I may **make you know the certainty of the words of truth,** That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?"

Proverbs 22:17-21 NKJV

2. Summary: excellent things that come from heeding good counsel:
 - a) You will trust Yahweh.
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- (a) It's a step-by-step process, from childhood to maturity, From being counseled to counseling, from being mentored to mentoring, from being disciplined to discipling. It's of no benefit to skip the process; but it is also of no benefit to get stuck in the process. Coming to maturity takes consistent forward momentum. Don't go backwards. Milk is fine for babies, but when you can chew, it's time for solid food!

1. **"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message?** Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For

precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little," **That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.**" Isaiah 28:9-13

NKJV

- a) **"For though by this time you ought to be teachers,** you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of **milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness,** for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."
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b) “Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ**, let us **go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.”
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