

Tradition & Wisdom Teaching & Learning

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- **An Ordered Life**_Proverbs 29:16-27
 - **The Superiority of Wisdom** _
Ecclesiastes 9:13-18
 - **Wisdom for Aging**_Ecclesiastes
11:9-12:7, 13
- **Tradition & Love**_Songs of Solomon
4:8-16
- **Living as God's People**_Matthew
5:1-12



The fear of a man bringeth a snare: But whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

God is in complete control – fear comes with the territory for man placed on planet earth – FAITH helps us handle it – Faith in God leads us along a pathway of conquering it – Ultimately we know the end result...we are Safe!

One principle that footballers can take away is that depending on physical strength, knowledge of the game, agility and talent is somewhat short-sighted – true champions operate on another level.

Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

Life will at times present us with battles that must be fought – I mean where running away or doing nothing is not an option – we will all have difficult situations to face. We can face them like Goliath the giant (loud harsh words, weapons of war and over confidence in himself) or we can dare to be like young David, the shepherd boy.(Having no use for the Kings armour – but remembering the God that helped him over come the lion and the bear – not lucky but BLESSED).

The winner of the match is not necessarily the most talented or luckiest team. Champions play with their heads as well as their hearts – sometime's it's not what is said – It's how it is received. It make sense to keep your whole team on the pitch...do you want to win enough to consider personal change?...even if others think the change does not make sense for you? Remember David and Goliath.

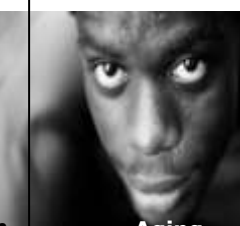
Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Wise King Solomon taught that true meaning in life from having a healthy respect for God and choosing a lifestyle that honours His Word. How much of what we do is determined by the opinions of those around us rather than the one above us?

Footballers are challenged to consider life as a 'MUST WIN' game. The end result determines your eternal placement – Loosing is not a acceptable result – you're better than that! If football is your whole reason for living – what will you do when you can no longer play?

Let my beloved come into his garden and eat his pleasant fruits.

Solomon takes us in to the adult zone dealing with the strongest driving motivational force known to man – the power of love. (If you missed it – well ...you missed it!) These graphic descriptive phrases can be used figuratively to illustrate Christ's greater LOVE for His Bride, the Church.

Footballers since the conception of the game have used 'passion' as



a reasonable excuse to explain some extra ordinary behaviour. I am Not sure it is possible for me to articulate just how much Jesus Loves you. This is the greatest power on earth – tap in to it and watch how it affects every aspect of your life.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. No one in their right mind wants to be hungry and thirsty – we try to be independent and self sufficient. Main-stream society in general encourages the 'me, myself and I notion'. Real blessing comes when we accept our weaknesses and wilfully commit to each other and God to enable us to lead fulfilled and content lives.

Bethel footballers need to know no matter how good they are as individuals it's the needs of the team that matters most. Ownership of this squad is transferred from the 'Gaffa' otherwise known as Minister Wilson to the Lord Jesus Christ. Be it known that with God on our side we can see the invisible and do the impossible! It makes winning games of football child play and being a winner in the game if life an inevitability!

Questions and Feedback are welcomed:

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I found this evening.....

What I liked the most was.....

If I could change 1 thing about this evening I would.....

Thank you for taking the time to be with us this evening and for giving us your feedback – your contribution is welcomed and not taken for granted. The church could do with more people like you. Should you require any additional information please call 07785 303 788 or speak to one of the leaders. Once again, thank you very much.

