

The Climb – Part 3

First Element For The Climb

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions.

Matthew 5:1-2 (MSG)

Two Crucial Elements Needed:

- **Wisdom and discipline.**

Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

Proverbs 1:2-3 (NLT)

- **Wisdom is knowing what to do, when to do it, and why it needs to be done.**

Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

Proverbs 4:5-7 (NLT)

I do this in order that they may be filled with courage and may be drawn together in love, and so have the full wealth of assurance which true understanding brings. In this way they will know God's secret, which is Christ himself. He is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3 (GNT)

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 1:7 (NLT)

- **Wisdom means I have God's plan for my life.**

But each one must carefully scrutinize his own work [examining his actions, attitudes, and behavior], and then he can have the personal satisfaction and inner joy of doing something commendable without comparing himself to another. For every person will have to bear [with patience] his own burden [of faults and shortcomings for which he alone is responsible].

Galatians 6:4-5 (AMP)

- **Wisdom understands the challenge of change.**

- **Changes occur by: pressure or planning.**

You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you.

Luke 14:27-29 (CEV)

The Challenge Of Change:

- Change always feels like failure before it feels like success.
- Change causes conflict.
- Change causes resistance.
- Change creates uncertainty.
- Changes Challenges relationships.
- Change is costly and never easy.
- Your Kingdom potential can only be reached by your willingness to change when necessary or being part of change (supporting it) even if it costs you personally.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:12-13 (ESV)

- Your willingness or unwillingness to change will reveal your level of wisdom!

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Luke 13:34 (NLT)

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

Psalms 62:5 (NLT)