

Your Five Spokes

Chazown - Part 5

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Knowledge is simply knowing.

Wisdom is applying knowledge with good judgment.

³Solomon showed his *love* for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David ...
⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' ⁶Solomon answered, ... ⁹'Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. ... ' ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹²'I will do what you have asked. I will give you a *wise* and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.'" 1 Kings 3:3-12 (NIV)

"God gave Solomon *wisdom* and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore." 1 Kings 4:29 (NIV)

Promises are what God says He will do. Principles are what God says we should do.

Principles are truths that we take from Scripture and apply to areas of our lives.

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Principle: When you *love God* and *love people* you find *favor*.

³⁷... *Love* the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and the greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: *Love* your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets *hang* on these two commandments." Matthew 22:40 (NIV)

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What does *love* require of me?

***Love* requires me to have a relationship with *God* rather than a religion.**

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14 (NIV)

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3 (NIV)

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What does *love* require of me?

Love requires me to have healthy relationships with **people**.

*“¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in **love**. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘**Love** your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV)*

What relationship needs to begin?

“⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

What relationship needs to be nurtured?

What relationship needs to end?

“Do not be misled: bad company corrupts good character.” 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

*“⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; **fear the Lord** and shun evil. ⁸This will bring **health** to your body and nourishment to your bones.” Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)*

Principle: When you **seek God, He shows you the way to a **healthy life**.**

“⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” 1 Corinthians:6:19-20 (NIV)

Being healthy is a spiritual responsibility.

*“⁹**Honor** the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰then your barns will be **filled** to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)*

Principle: When you **honor God with your finances, He **provides** for your needs and **blesses** you beyond measure.**

Our life’s work is whatever you do with your productive, waking hours.

*“⁵**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will **make** your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

Principle: When you **trust God fully, He **makes** the way for your life’s work.**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Which spoke do you need to focus on?