

UNSOLICITED ADVICE – A UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE

Name: _____

Date: _____

Scripture References

- Proverbs 12:15 – “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”
- Ecclesiastes 4:13 – “Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice.”
- Proverbs 1:7 – “The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21 – “Test everything; hold fast to what is good.”

Reflection Questions

Think about a time when you received unsolicited advice. How did it make you feel?

Did you immediately dismiss the advice, or did you take time to reflect on it?

How do these scriptures challenge your perspective on advice, even when it feels unwanted?

What role does pride play in how we respond to others' counsel?

How can you invite God into the process of discerning which advice to accept and which to set aside?

Practical Application

Step 1: When you receive advice, pause before reacting.

Step 2: Pray and ask God, “Is this for me right now?”

Step 3: Compare the advice with scripture and your family's needs.

Step 4: Hold fast to what is good and let go of what does not fit.

Closing Prayer

Lord, help me to listen with humility, discern with wisdom, and hold fast to what is good. Teach me to receive advice with grace, even when it stings, and to trust You to guide my steps as a mother, wife, and child of God. Amen.

Fill-in-the-Blank Prompts

One piece of advice I struggled with was: _____

When I heard it, I felt: _____

God's word reminds me that: _____

The advice I will hold onto is: _____

The advice I will set aside is: _____