

IMPACT

I Must **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Hebrews 11:23-28 “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful [“divinely favored”] child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, *choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*”

Quote: “God has wisely kept us in the dark concerning future events and reserved for himself the knowledge of them, that he may train us up in a dependence upon himself and a continued readiness for every event.”
Matthew Henry

Wisdom is the God-given ability to see things as they really are and to respond according to Bible principle for God’s glory. God placed Moses into a family that took His promises seriously. Their commendable faith in God was greater than their fear of man. “*Duty is ours, events are God’s.*”¹ With God’s enabling, they did their duty as parents and God orchestrated extraordinary events that spanned decades and impacted millions. In the big picture of things, when we side with God, we can never go wrong. He works all things for His glory and our good in His time and in the wisest of ways.

Like Moses, we must wisely obey God’s Word and leave the outcome to Him. Moses chose his heritage as an Israelite slave over earthly prominence as an Egyptian prince. He chose persecution over the pleasure of sin. He chose eternal rewards over temporary riches. He bowed to the King of kings rather than to an earthly one. He obeyed the commands that God had given him concerning the Passover. In spite of tremendous trials, Moses had faith that the great “I AM” was with him and would fulfill His promises.

The Bible also states that “Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.”² Commentators state that he was humble in attitude to the point that he was highly respected by friend and foe alike. The lesson is that wisdom and pride are mutually exclusive. Solomon was considered the wisest man of his day and one of the wisest who ever lived. Under the inspiration of God, he wrote that “a man’s pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.... *The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.*”³ Solomon also wrote that “*the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone.*”⁴

Your choices say everything about you! After forty years of living in Pharaoh’s palace, Moses chose to suffer, to see the pleasure of sin as passing, and to place God’s “well done” above earthly treasure. At great risk, he rejected Egypt’s offering of position, power, prosperity and popularity. The result of his choice was that he went from the luxuries of palace life to forty years of living in a tent, and serving as a shepherd in the wilderness. Again, “duty is ours, events are God’s.”¹ While doing his duties, God was preparing him to lead His people out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and through the wilderness for yet another forty years. Moses endured as one who saw God by faith and lived accordingly. “For Moses there was a greater wealth to be experienced in suffering disgrace for the sake of Christ (lit. ‘the reproach of the anointed’). Identifying with God’s anointed people, Moses experienced the stigma and reproach supremely suffered by the Messiah.”⁵ He wisely shared the kind of forward look that Jesus had “who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”⁶ By faith, we must have the same forward look that focuses on the joy of obedience as we travel life’s “wilderness!” That is true wisdom.

Moses’s Wisdom

1 John Quincy Adams 2 Numbers 12:3 3 Prov.29:23, 25 4 Prov.9:10-12 5 New Bible Commentary, Carson 6 Heb.12:2