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Opening / Introduction

Wisdom is not only about knowing what to do—it is about knowing when to speak, when to remain silent, when to move, and when to wait. Discernment preserves us spiritually and protects us from traps that appear attractive but lead to destruction.

As believers, we are called to live with spiritual alertness, humility, and readiness at all times.

The Danger of Carelessness (The Fox and the Rooster)

A fox once encountered a rooster perched safely. The fox flattered the rooster, praising the beauty of his voice and comparing it to his father's. Flattered and filled with pride, the rooster closed his eyes, lifted his head, and crowed loudly.

That moment of pride and carelessness gave the fox the opportunity he was waiting for. He seized the rooster and ran.

As village dogs began chasing the fox, the rooster quickly thought of a plan. He convinced the fox to boast aloud to the dogs. When the fox opened his mouth to speak, the rooster escaped and flew to safety.

Key Lessons:

- Pride opens the door to danger
- Speaking at the wrong time can cost you everything
- Silence at the wrong time can also lead to destruction

“Cursed be the mouth that speaks when it should remain silent, and cursed be the eyes that close when they should be open.”

Truth:

- Open eyes keep you safe
- Closed mouths preserve victory

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Biblical Wisdom on Discernment and Speech

Proverbs 26:28

“A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.”

Flattery is a weapon. It appeals to pride and blinds discernment. Temptation often comes wrapped in compliments, comfort, or opportunity.

1 Peter 5:8

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Spiritual alertness is not optional—it is survival.

Proverbs 13:3

“He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.”

Wisdom is not just speaking well—it is knowing when to remain silent.

Warning Against Pride

Proverbs 16:18 reminds us that pride leads to destruction. Faith does not remove the need for wisdom. God calls us to walk in humility and alertness.

Practical Application

- Do not close your eyes when danger is near
- Do not open your mouth when silence is required
- Stay humble
- Stay alert
- Stay dependent on God

Spiritual Readiness (The Ten Virgins)

Ten were invited, but only five were prepared. The difference was readiness.

Key Truths:

1. Delay tests preparedness
2. Preparedness cannot be borrowed

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3. Opportunity without preparation is dangerous
4. The door will close

Final Exhortation / Conclusion

Stay alert. Stay ready. Keep your oil full. Do not allow delay to weaken your faith. God's timing is always right—and often sudden.

Congregational Prayer

Lord, keep my heart ready
Keep my lamp burning
Help me stay watchful
Help me stay faithful
Fill me with Your presence
In Jesus' name, Amen

Key Takeaway

Spiritual alertness is not optional. Discernment, humility, and readiness are required to walk faithfully with God.

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