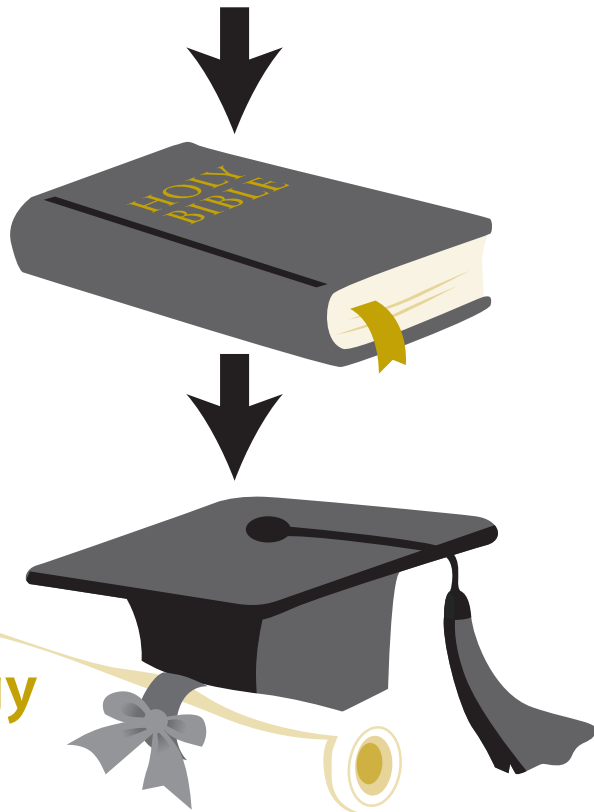


# Humanism is man's attempt to solve his problems independently of God

**Christian Education**



**Secular Education**



# Definition of a Proverb

**A short sentence expressing in a few words a well-known truth.**

## The Main Purposes for Studying Proverbs

- To know God
- To know the Word of God
- To know God's principles
- To learn how to apply God's wisdom
- To give purpose to life

## How to Understand Proverbs

- Recognize you have a need
- Hear
- Pray
- Study

# Proverbs 30:24-28



**Forethought and Preparation**



**Security Despite Weakness**



**Unity and Cooperation**



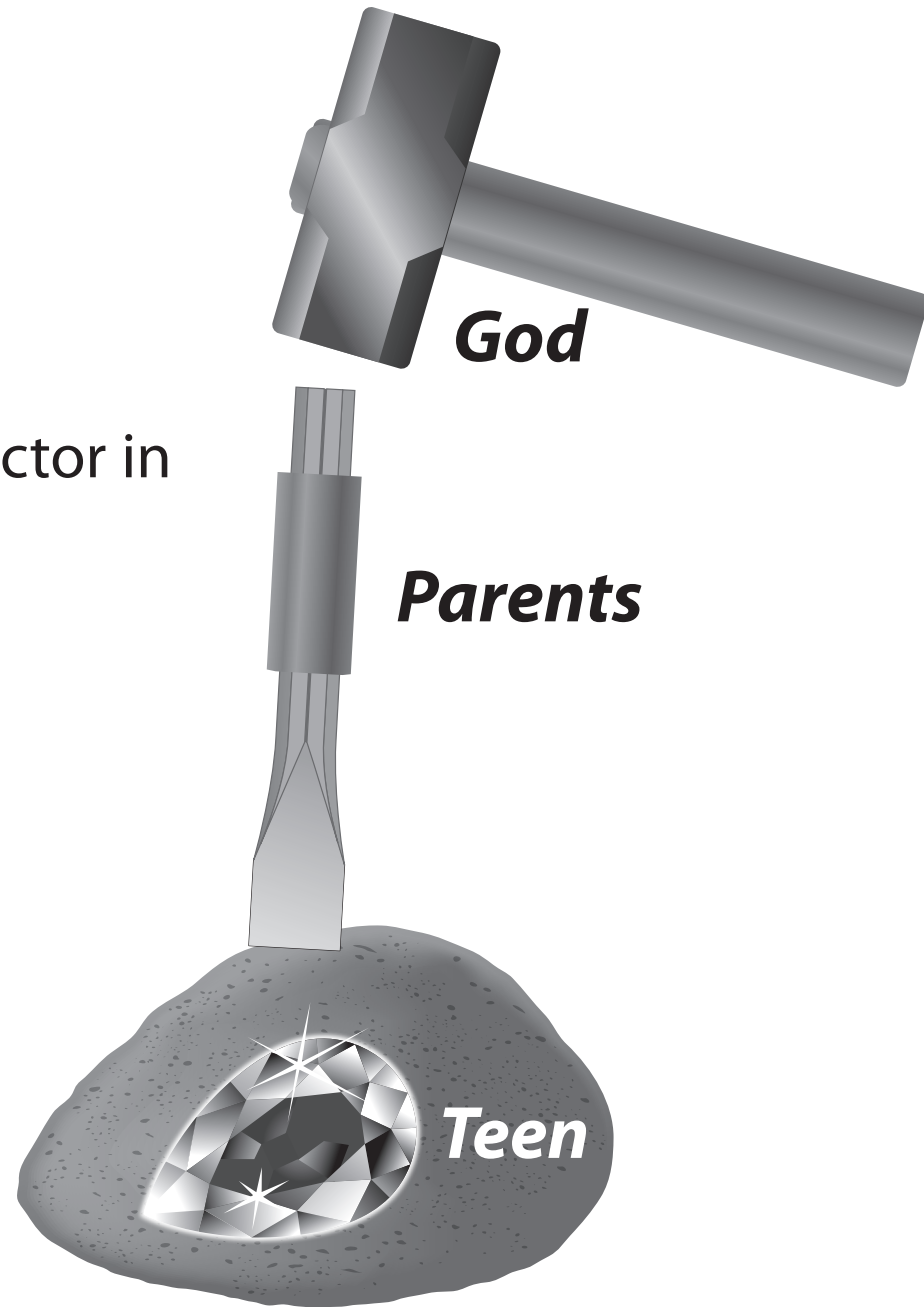
**Boldness**

## Five Facts About Discipline

1. Discipline is natural and correct.
2. Discipline is commanded by God.
3. Discipline is due to love.
4. Discipline produces godliness.

Rules and regulations are not designed just to keep you in but are also to keep dangers out.

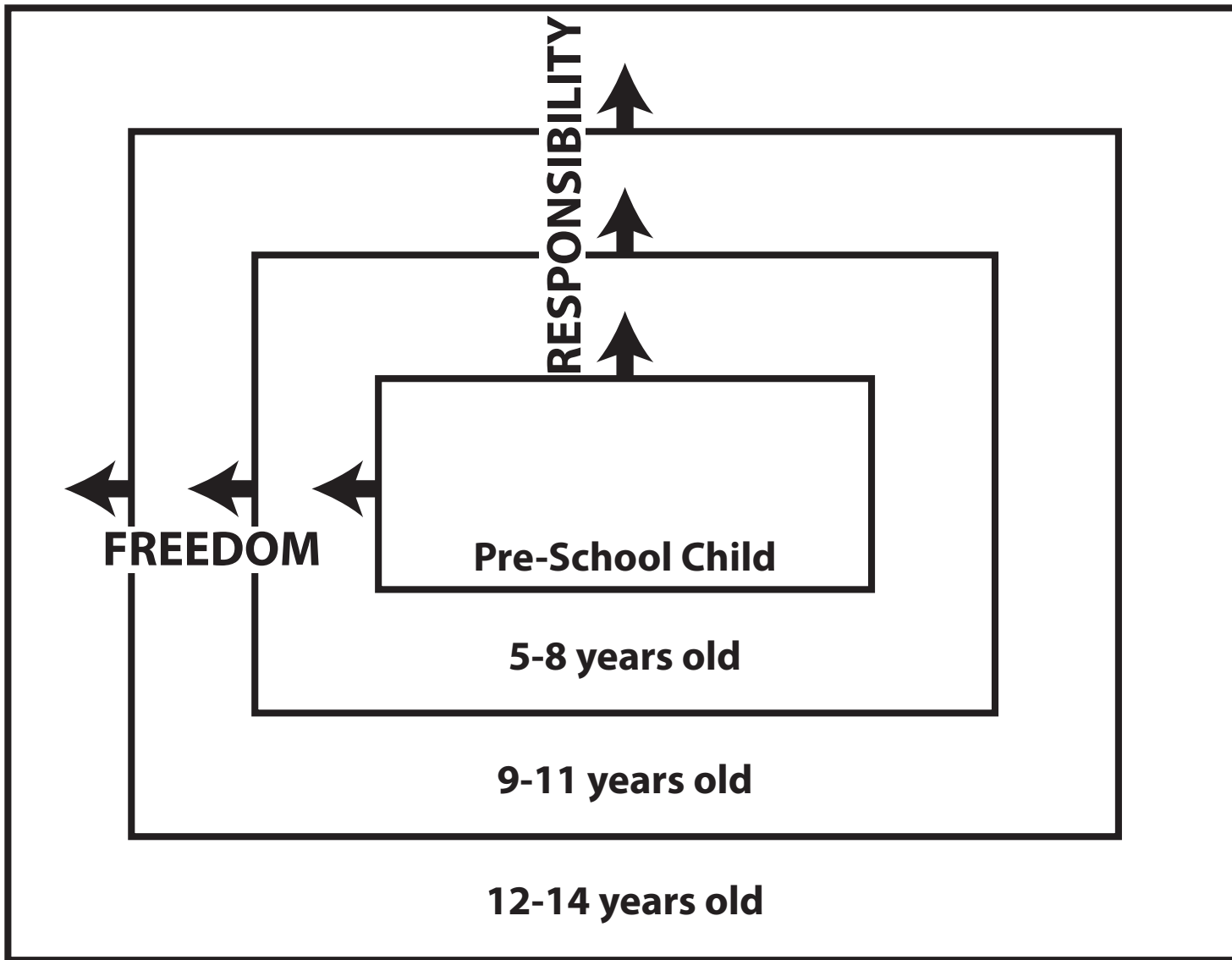
5. The most important factor in discipline is attitude.



# Three Main Categories of Influential Relationships in Your Life

## Your relationships...

1. With God
2. With your family
3. With others



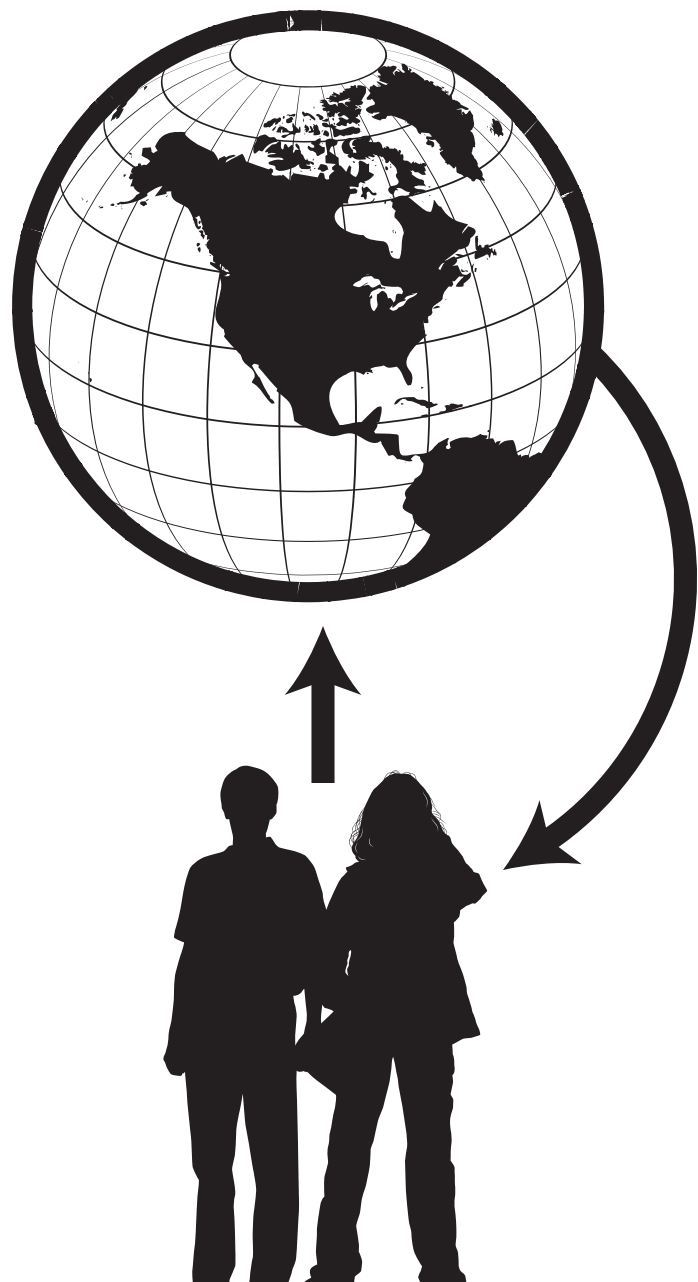
**Trust = Freedom + Responsibility**

<b>The Bull-headed Fool</b>	<b>The Pig-headed Fool</b>
<b>Their Attitudes</b>	
<b>12:15 confident</b>	<b>1:32 complacent</b>
	<b>14:16 careless</b>
	<b>28:26 trusts in his own ideas</b>
<b>Their Mouths</b>	
<b>19:3 blames the Lord and others for failures</b>	<b>10:18 spreads slander</b>
<b>20:3 quarrels, argues</b>	<b>14:33 brags</b>
	<b>15:2,14 pours out foolishness</b>
	<b>18:6-7 causes strife</b>
	<b>19:1 lies</b>
<b>Their Sinfulness</b>	
<b>14:9 makes light of sin</b>	<b>10:23 enjoys sin</b>
	<b>14:8 does not consider the consequences of actions</b>





- God has chosen us out of the world to a better life.



- We are called to go into the world to minister to people's needs.

## **Wrong friends build wrong patterns for our lives.**

- Do not go with them (Prov. 1:15).
- Do not yield to their ways (Prov. 25:26).
  - By overlooking their sin (Prov. 28:23)
  - By honoring them (Prov. 26:1)
- Do not become their friend (Prov. 22:24).
- Do not become a companion to them in their sin (Prov. 29:24).

# How A Wrong Companion Acts

- His Mouth
  - Curses (Exo. 20:7)
  - Uses crude words
  - Uses immoral words (Eph. 5:4)
  - Gossips (Eph. 4:29)
  - Criticizes
  - Tells lies (Prov. 6:16-19)
- His Eyes
  - Lustful looks (1 John 2:16)
  - Jealousy (1 Sam. 18:7-9)
  - Fault-finding (Matt. 7:3-5)
  - Rebelliousness (Prov. 30:17)
- His Feet: go places they should not go (Prov. 6:18)

# Friendliness

- Definition: showing an interest in the life and affairs of others.
- Antonyms
  - Selfishness
  - Self-centeredness
- Characteristics

A friendly person...

  - Listens as much as he talks
  - Asks questions and shows an interest in what others are talking about

## Friendliness (Continued)

- Smiles
  - To show he is interested in others and not self-conscious
  - To show he is kind and not cold and uncaring
  - To put others at ease by showing he is not tense or nervous

**The basis of love is the character of Jesus  
(John 3:16; 15:13 ; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10).**

### **God's love...**

- Extends to all mankind
- Does not depend on our loving Him
- Was expressed for us on the cross

**Genuine love is meeting the needs of others.**

**Showing genuine love means we will...**

- Love all people, not just our best friends.
- Love those who despise and hurt us.
- Show our love to others, not just talk about it.



# The Works of the Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moral Sins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Adultery and fornication</u></li><li>• <u>Moral impurity</u></li><li>• <u>Debauchery</u></li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sins of Attitude</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Strife</u></li><li>• <u>Jealousy</u></li><li>• <u>Wrath</u></li><li>• <u>Selfish ambitions</u></li><li>• <u>Dissensions</u></li><li>• <u>Factions</u></li><li>• <u>Envy</u></li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sins of Wrong Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Idolatry</u></li><li>• <u>Witchcraft</u></li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sins Against Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Murders</u></li><li>• <u>Drunkenness</u></li><li>• <u>Carousing</u></li></ul>

<b>Type of Sin</b>	<b>Effect on My Life</b>
Drunkenness	
Immorality	
Strife	
Lying	
Self-centeredness	

# The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience (or longsuffering)
- Kindness (or gentleness)
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness (or meekness)
- Self-control (or temperance)

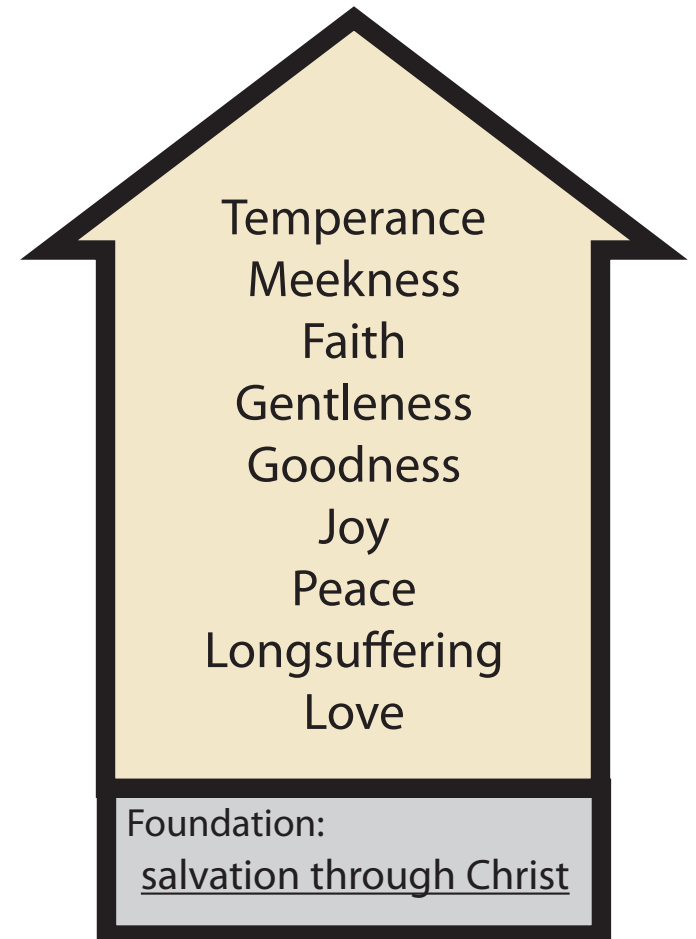
# Character

- Original Meaning: an engraving instrument
- Definition: Living and acting by a predetermined set of life principles that engrave right patterns of behavior into my life.

# Building Christian Character

- Carpenters:
  - Parents
  - Friends
  - Environment
  - Self-effort (personal choices)
  - Holy Spirit
- The Structure:

Bible principles: rules or laws based on the character of God which never change and by which we govern our lives



<b>Ruth's Situation</b>	<b>Attitude(s) Shown</b>	<b>Attitude(s) Not Shown</b>	<b>Blessing(s)</b>
She suffered the death of a husband.	<u>acceptance</u>	<u>discouragement,</u> <u>bitterness</u>	<u>new home</u>
She left home and move to Canaan.	<u>commitment</u>	<u>resentment</u>	<u>learned to trust</u> <u>God</u>
She worked hard in the fields.	<u>gentleness</u>	<u>complaining,</u> <u>bitterness</u>	<u>food; met Boaz</u>

## Meekness

- Definition  
An inward attitude that yields all rights and expectations to God
- Antonyms
  - Arrogance
  - Pride
- Synonyms
  - Humility
  - Submission

### **When we are meek, we do not...**

- Argue and demand our rights
- Push to be first
- Seek to get even
- Rebel against authority
- Boast of our accomplishments
- Worry about rewards for everything we do

# Self-Control

- Definition
  - The discipline of the whole life: body *and* spirit.
- Antonyms
  - Chaos
  - Defenseless
- Synonyms
  - Spirit-control
  - Mature stability
- Basis of Spirit-control—

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- Principle
  - We need the power of the Holy Spirit to lead a disciplined life.
- Proverb: One who has no control over his own spirit is like a city with broken down laws (25:28).



## Courage and Temptation

- The Command: Be strong and courageous (Josh. 1:9).
- The Danger: We wrestle against the spiritual powers of wickedness and darkness (Eph. 6:12).
- God's Provision: Power, love, and a disciplined mind (2 Tim. 1:7)
- Our Attitude: Be serious-minded and alert (1 Pet. 5:8).
- The Result: The devil will flee from us (James 4:7).

## **Why should we desire to know God's will?**

- God made us for a purpose.
- Finding God's will is finding God's purpose for me.

### **Doing God's will means...**

- Obeying the clear commands in Scripture
- Doing what we were designed to do
- Pleasing God

## Why We Don't Do God's Will

- Satan blinds us...
  - By making us think God's will makes us miserable
  - By making us judge by our feelings and by outward appearance
- Believers are not in a position to know God's will when...
  - Sin in our lives keeps us from seeking God's wisdom
  - Failing to listen keeps us from hearing

## Develop a Thankful Attitude

- Thankfulness overcomes...
  - Envy
  - Greed
  - Jealousy
  - Covetousness
- Thankfulness lifts us up. Greed and covetousness pull us down and keep us discontent and unhappy.
- Giving thanks in everything is the will of God (1 Thess. 5:18).

# Money Is a Gift from God

- Blessings
  - A benefit for the wise (Prov. 14:24)
  - Many friendships (14:20; 19:4)
  - Security (10:15)
- Our Responsibility
  - Be diligent (10:4)
  - Take good care of things (27:23-25)
  - Remember... (27:23-27)
    - Things do not last forever.
    - Everything has a use for our good.
    - God promises to provide all our needs .

## Proverbs 15:16-17

It is better to have little and fear the Lord than to have great treasure with great troubles

## **Our Thoughts Affect Our...**

- Health (Prov. 14:30)
- Faces (15:13)
- Speech (15:28; 16:23)
- Attitudes toward sin (16:6)

# Our Tongues Reveal Our Character

- The tongue needs to be controlled (James 3:2-4).
  - A bridle is needed for an untamed youth who is not ready to run his own life.
  - A helm is needed for adults to speak in the right spirit.
- Uncontrolled, it has power to harm (James 3:5-8).
  - It is a raging fire that can defile yourself and others.
  - It is a deadly poison that can destroy friendships.
- Controlled, it has power to bless (James 3:9-12).

# What We Say Affects Others

- Don't say what you are thinking until you are sure that it will edify the other person.
- Always consider...
  - What to say
  - How to say it
  - When to say it
- Why we should not always say what we think  
Wise men...
  - Think before they speak
  - Get the facts before they speak
  - Consider the consequences before they speak
  - Speak only the things that edify (build others up)



# Peace

- Principle: Success is having peace in all circumstances of life .
- Definition: Peace is realizing God has provided all I need.
- Three Kinds
  1. Peace with God (upward)
  2. Peace of God (inward)
  3. Peace with men (outward)
- Antonyms
  - Anxiety
  - Worry
- Synonym: contentment

# Finding the Proper Balance



Setting goals and working hard

- Forget the past.
- Look forward to the new things God has planned for you.
- Press forward to the purpose God has called you to accomplish.

Learning to be content

- Do not worry.
- Be satisfied with your situation.