

Being shrewd good; Bible tells us how to get there

Often the word "shrewd" is misunderstood, being applied as a quality of dishonest people who use slick methods to take advantage of others. But the Bible actually says being shrewd is a good thing, and God's word tells us how we can become shrewd and how it benefits us.



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• use it or lose it

Proverbs 13:16 says, "Everyone shrewd will act with knowledge, but the one that is stupid will spread abroad foolishness."

Also in Proverbs, 14:15 says, "Anyone inexperienced puts faith in every word, but the shrewd one considers his steps."

We can't believe everything other people tell us because there are plenty of people who lie, and people make a lot of mistakes. Sometimes people firmly believe something but are most certainly wrong.

Proverbs 14:12 says, "There exists a way that is upright before a man, but the ways of death are the end of it afterward."

Our life can be at stake with some information. As a matter of fact, Jesus said the

majority of mankind would be wrong about information that affects our eternal future.

Matthew 7:13, 14 says, "Go in through the narrow gate; because broad and spacious is the road leading off into destruction, and many are the ones going in through it; whereas narrow is the gate and cramped the road leading off into life, and few are the ones finding it."

1 John 5:19 explains why so many would be wrong: "We know we originate with God, but the *whole world* is lying in the power of the wicked one."

Have you noticed a lot of problems in the world around you? This is why — the whole

world is lying in Satan's power! But we don't have to be included; we can gain knowledge from the Bible to separate ourselves from the world under Satan's power and to gain everlasting life.

Jesus tells us at John 17:3 that knowledge plays a role: "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ."

Surface knowledge or simply knowing they exist isn't enough. Hebrews 5:11-14 says, "Concerning him (Jesus) we have much to say and hard to be explained, since you have become dull in your hearing. For, indeed, although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again need someone to teach you from the beginning of the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God; and you have become such as need milk, not solid food. For everyone that partakes of milk is unacquainted with

the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong."

We need deep knowledge of the core teachings from God's word, and we need to train our perception to be able to tell what is right and what is wrong from God's perspective. As Proverbs 14:12 (quoted above) points out, what people think is right can lead to our death.

1 John 4:1 says, "Beloved ones, do not believe every inspired expression, but test the inspired expressions to see whether they originate with God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world."

When someone claims to have a message from God or claims to have religious knowledge, God's word is the touchstone. That is why He had it recorded for us and preserved it for millenniums.

Acts 17:10, 11 says, "Immediately by night the brothers sent both Paul and Silas out to Berea, and these, upon arriving, went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now the latter were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so."

The people in Berea were eager to learn from the apostle Paul and his fellow Christian missionary Silas, but they didn't take their word for it on what they learned. They searched through the scriptures to find proof of what they were taught.

We need to do the same. Open your Bible and start reading, learn to look up specific scriptures and learn how to use the concordance to find a text with a particular word. Only by gaining knowledge from God's word can we be shrewd, ones with insight into what is right and wrong.

Windows painted, town quiet with fair on

The town has been a bit quiet with the fair going on. I wish the best for all who entered.

All the windows in town look very nice — have you noticed? Avery Schultz from the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club has been busy painting them. She was helping prepare for the Thomas County Free Fair that was July 31 through Aug. 4.

Be sure to take time and attend the fair. See what projects the 4-Hers have been working on. You will find livestock, arts and crafts, clothing, woodworking and welding, photography and cooking, to name a few.

Members of the club are Melissa and Ben Baird, Rose Bear, Chance Cranston, Michael and Stefanie Eicher, Nichele Erskine, Audrey and Kasey Hoyt, Brittany and Ethan Kammer, Tim Knox, Avery and



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Whitney Schultz, Andrew Slams, Baylee Westover and Layton and Wyaatt Werth.

On Tuesday, July 24, the Hi-Plains Shine Club of Colby helped sponsor a noon meal for the Kansas Masonic Band Students at Fort Hays State University. The menu included hamburgers, baked beans, chips, drinks and dessert.

Most of the Northwest Kansas Shrine Clubs were present for the event — they fed 213 students. This is the fourth largest turn-out of band

students at the camp. The students played at the annual Kansas Shrine Bowl that was held in Hays July 28. The Shrine Bowl helps raise money for the Shine Hospitals.

Hi-Plains members present from Brewster were President Dave Bowman, Jim Carpenter, Wayne Carpenter, Ken Christiansen, Mike Schultz and Robert Schroeder.

Dinner guests at the Leonard Kinkade home last week were Dusty Kinkade, Michelle Kinkade, April and Amer Loudermilk, Kennen and Connie Racette and Laura Kahle and her children Auston and Ayonna. Michelle, April and her daughter Amber were

visiting their dad and grandpa Dusty from Westminster Colo. The annual Dillinger reunion was held at the Community Building in Colby on Saturday, July 28. Five of the remaining six children of T.C. Dillinger were in attendance. Clarice Blakely, Sydney Dillinger, Troy Dillinger, Olga Schwartzkopt and Dwight Dillinger.

Oleta Snow was unable to make the trip from Georgia but sent her best wishes to all. Much visiting to catch up on what is going on in every one's lives was done. There was a total of 50 present.

Mary Crabtree was home visiting with her parents and sisters for a week. She lives in Ohio.

I guess that will do it for this week. We thank God for the rain we had this week and will keep that thought in our prayers.

4-h club news

Glendale Livewires June meeting

The June monthly meeting for the Glendale Livewires was held Sunday, June 10, at Steever Park. The club gathered for a picnic and a club tour.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by the club and side dishes by the members. Members were encouraged to stand up and talk about the projects they were entering for the fair. After the meal and presentation of the members, the Glendale members drove to homes so the members could display their livestock. They had a fun evening.

July meeting

The July monthly meeting for the Glendale Livewires was led with a roll call of "Have you started your record book?" There were 27 members, two leaders and a guest. After the flag salute, Secretary Brennan Clouse read the previous minutes which were approved as read by president Courtney Sheldon.

In reports of officers, council members and leaders, Treasurer

Kaleb Zwick announced the club checking account balance. Reporter Ellie House said the reporter information for May had been sent to *The Goodland Star-News*.

Cheer person Raquel Tomsic sang to the July birthdays. Historian Cassie Cooper said she would find those who she did not have a picture of at the fair.

The Glendale Livewires donated money to the Gary Lucas Memorial and the Wade Lee Memorial. The club also donated a gift certificate to Jason Finley for his work on the Glendale Livewires carousel horse.

It was announced the club would be responsible for a flag ceremony on Monday, July 30.

After the meeting, committee meetings were held for the banner, booth and float.

The next meeting will be Friday, Aug. 17. Record books will be due at that time.

Submitted by: Reporter Ellie House.

Make your voice heard on health-care reform plan

Health care affects people more directly than any issue I've worked on during my time in public service.

We are all patients at some point in our lives, and we all know people who have benefited from the amazing medical treatments that are available today.

But we also all likely have friends or family members who fought endless battles with an insurance company or neighbors who have no insurance at all and who were brought to the brink of financial ruin by a health problem.

Now Kansans have two opportunities to make their voices heard in the national discussion on the health care crisis and how to solve it.

The first involves comprehensive health care reform in Kansas. The Kansas Health Policy Authority — a bipartisan group created to over-



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see health care in our state — is touring Kansas, listening to the stories of patients, providers, families and business leaders.

You can be a part of this discussion by going to www.khpa.ks.gov and offering your stories or your suggestions for how to improve health care in Kansas. Your input will help shape the reform plan that is presented to me and the Legislature later this year and which will set us on the path to coverage for all Kansans.

At the same time, I also hope

you'll contribute to a national debate on health care for children — a debate that's taking place right now.

Congress needs to take action soon in order to continue a program that provides health insurance to tens of thousands of Kansas children. As part of this debate, there are proposals being offered that would expand the number of low-income children who receive health care, giving them a healthier start on life.


I am joining other governors across the country in urging our congressional delegation to support an expansion in health insurance for children. We know that if a child is healthy, he will have a better start towards a successful life. I encourage you to contact Senators Brown-

back and Roberts and your Congressional representative to add your voice to the discussion.

We can solve the health care crisis, but only if you make your opinions known to the people elected to represent you.

Together we can create a future where every Kansan has access to affordable, quality health care, and I look forward to working with you to make that future a reality.

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- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main by 12:00 p.m. by

Monday, August 14th

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