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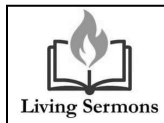
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Foreword

This message on Wisdom Application for Progress presents a timeless spiritual principle that governs both destiny and daily living. In a world driven by pressure, comparison, and constant pursuit of validation, the preacher brings us back to a foundational truth: progress is not accidental—it is the product of applied wisdom.

What stands out in this message is the emphasis on personal responsibility. The believer is not permitted to live as a victim of circumstances, neither is he excused by shifting blame to people, systems, or even spiritual opposition. Instead, the Word calls us to the discipline of self-examination. This is where true transformation begins.

Wisdom, as revealed in this teaching, is not merely theoretical knowledge. It is demonstrated in decisions, lifestyle, financial stewardship, emotional discipline, and moral restraint. It is seen in the ability to pause, evaluate, and adjust before life forces a correction. Where wisdom is applied, progress becomes consistent and inevitable.

The message also confronts a subtle but destructive force in many lives—undisciplined desire. The pursuit of appearance over substance, pressure-driven decisions, and emotional spending are exposed as silent enemies of destiny. In their place, we are directed toward simplicity, contentment, and structured living guided by divine wisdom. As you engage this manuscript, may it stir a fresh hunger for wisdom that produces results, and may it reposition your approach to life, decisions, and progress. The path ahead is not merely to be walked—it is to be walked wisely.

May the Spirit of wisdom rest upon every reader, guiding each step into clarity, stability, and undeniable progress.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

Wisdom is a spiritual virtue, and every virtue is meant to deliver substance. So also, the wisdom of God has tangible evidences.

There is wisdom definition and there is wisdom manifestation. There are those who define it, and there are those who manifest it. In every subject, there are experts in definition, and there are experts in products.

There are professors who can analyse business, and there are “crude market people” who can really do business. There are people who teach prosperity, and there are those who practice and demonstrate prosperity. The teaching may not be as fine, but the product cannot be denied.

What people will listen to you for is your result, not your grammar. When a man with results is speaking, everybody is taking notes. When a man without results is speaking, no matter his grammar, it carries no weight.

In marketing, it is your product that speaks, not your grammar. I am speaking as one with proofs. I have products. What are our products? First, our life; secondly, the testimonies of others for whom it has worked. A sick person can convince you that you can live in health—physician, heal thyself.

Wisdom That Works

We are considering wisdom that works. Proverbs is a key book of wisdom in the Bible. Even though the entire Bible is the book of wisdom, Proverbs particularly focuses on wisdom.

Proverbs is pictorial knowledge—knowledge in pictures, designed for easy application to guarantee undeniable results.

It is recommended that you read the book of Proverbs this month and complete it. It has just 31 chapters.

A great man once said he reads three chapters of the Psalms every day for inspiration, and one chapter of Proverbs for wisdom on how to relate with people—and it shows in his life.

Truly, all wise people have a place at the top. Show me a wise man, and I will predict a man heading to the top. You cannot get to the top without wisdom. Foolishness is synonymous with the floor; wisdom is synonymous with the top.

If you must get there, take the ladder of wisdom.

Diligence: The Ladder To Promotion

Promotion does not come from the east, west, or south; it comes from God. But the ladder you use to climb into promotion is diligence.

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.” (Proverbs 22:29)

It is the works of your hands that open doors that no man can shut.

“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” (Revelation 3:8)

People may not like you, but they will need you. They will promote you because they need you, not because they like you.

When people see your work, they make room for you. You do not struggle for recognition; your results announce you.

Walk speaks louder than words. Your work keeps speaking all the time.

Before you pray, improve your work. Prayer is not a substitute for work. You can pray and remain paralysed.

Wisdom Application For Progress

How do I make continuous progress in my endeavour, career, business, family, and finances?

“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” (Proverbs 4:18)

You are designed to shine more and more. Say to yourself: *I am meant for progress.* Progress means advancement and continuous forward movement. Wisdom also makes the face of a man to shine:

“Wisdom maketh his face to shine...” (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

Progress Begins With Self-Appraisal

Progress begins with appraisal. The level of progress you make in life is determined by how much appraisal you make of yourself. The best appraiser of your life is self-appraisal.

When you are sick physically, you go to a doctor for diagnosis. But in the issues of life, no doctor can fully help you—you must examine yourself.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Ponder your path: “Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.”
(Proverbs 4:26)

To ponder means to think deeply and practically into the issues of your life—asking honest questions: Why are things not working? Why are things the way they are?

Like an archer pulling the bow before releasing it, the depth of pulling determines how far the arrow goes. Like a catapult, the stronger the pull, the farther the projection. So also, how deeply you look into yourself determines how far you go in life.

Examine Your Ways: The Key To Change

Before you blame others, look inward. You are number one contributor to your life’s outcomes. Many remain stuck because they constantly look for who to blame instead of what to change.

“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks...” (Proverbs 27:23–24)

Proper self-assessment is crucial. Do not live under pressure trying to meet external expectations that are not aligned with wisdom.

Consider your ways:

“In the second year of Darius... Haggai said, Consider your ways.” (Haggai 1:6–7)

When business is not moving, consider your ways. When progress is stagnant, consider your ways. Thinking deeply leads to discovery, and discovery leads to improvement.

Improvement is what we call progress.

Self-Responsibility And Maturity

Many problems persist because people keep blaming others. As long as you have someone to blame, you remain lame. Examine yourself sincerely. In leadership, in business, in family—self-examination is essential.

Even in relationships, instead of blaming others, ask yourself what you contributed to the situation. A major key to recovery is self-appraisal. No one knows you like you know yourself. No one can correct you like you can correct yourself. Your greatest obstacle is you. Accept responsibility for your life. If you fail, it is your responsibility. If you succeed, it is your responsibility. This mindset produces focus, maturity, and consistent results. Your progress in life is deeply connected to wisdom, diligence, and honest self-examination. The greatest breakthrough begins when a man stops blaming others and begins to adjust himself.

Self-Examination: The End Of Blame

When things happen, people quickly look for something or someone to blame. We blame circumstances, situations, relations—and when there is no one left, we blame the devil.

“He is the devil... he is the devil...”—we say it repeatedly.

But hear this clearly: when a man falls into sin, whether fornication or adultery, he must examine his ways. Ask yourself about the places you go, especially at odd times. If you can avoid them, you will avoid temptation. There are unguarded actions that expose the body to sin. You look at a woman who is not your wife and begin to speak emotionally compromised words. Before long, you are already trapped—and then you begin to blame the devil. But often, the issue is not the devil—it is undisciplined eyes and unguarded behaviour.

If your eyes are your problem, then fix your focus. Look properly at your wife before you leave home. Examine yourself.

Discipline: The Mark Of Maturity

All problems of life are solvable if you take time to ponder your path and examine yourself. “Consider your ways...” becomes a recurring instruction for progress.

At times, even simple decisions must be questioned. Why are you going out at night unnecessarily? Why are you exposing yourself to environments that create temptation?

Discipline is a sign of maturity. There are places you should not go, things you should not look at, and statements you should not make. You must learn self-control.

Even in public spaces or media consumption, discipline yourself. Close your eyes if necessary. Switch off what you should not watch. You are not helpless—you are responsible. Every trap of the devil is controllable when self-discipline is in place.

Examine Before You Act

Before buying a car, examine your financial condition. Before starting a business, examine your capacity. Before making major decisions, pause and evaluate. Do not act under pressure. Many people destroy their peace simply by trying to impress others.

Examine your ways.

Even debt can destroy clarity of thought. A man under financial pressure cannot think clearly because every knock at the door brings fear. Free yourself from unnecessary pressure so your mind can function properly. Wisdom sometimes looks simple—but it preserves life.

Sincerity And Self-Responsibility

The foundation of self-examination is sincerity. Be sincere with yourself. When you are wrong, admit it. David said in Psalm 51, “Lord, I have sinned.” That is sincerity at work.

The moment a man cannot tell himself the truth, he is already trapped. Do not always shift blame to your wife, your children, your employer, or your circumstances. Ask yourself honest questions.

What role did I play in this situation?

Self-responsibility is the pathway to maturity.

Decision And Change

After self-examination, the next step is decision. “I will arise and go to my father’s house.”

A decision must lead to action. It is not enough to think differently—you must act differently. There are times you must make hard adjustments: reduce expenses, sell assets if necessary, or restructure your lifestyle to regain stability.

Freedom from debt and pressure is wisdom.

You cannot think well under financial bondage. So take practical steps to reposition your life.

Living With Wisdom And Simplicity

Wisdom teaches simplicity and contentment. Do not live under unnecessary pressure. Do not buy what you cannot maintain. Do not enter commitments that drain your future. Live within your level while building toward the next level.

A man who is always struggling to maintain appearance loses focus on progress. There is no competition in destiny. You are not in a race with anyone.

Contentment And Balance

Some people destroy their future trying to impress others. They borrow to maintain appearance, travel beyond their means, and live under pressure that breaks their peace.

But wisdom teaches balance. Spend according to a clear, disciplined plan—not emotional impulse. Function is more important than fashion. If something can take you where you are going, it is sufficient.

Closing Exhortation: Take Responsibility

At every point in life, examine yourself:

- Where am I hurting myself?
- Where am I creating unnecessary pressure?
- Where am I slowing down my own progress?

The Holy Spirit will always reveal areas of adjustment if you are sincere enough to listen. Do not live above your level. Do not destroy your peace trying to impress others. When your time comes, everything will align.

Lift your hands and thank God for His Word. Receive grace to apply wisdom and walk in progress. Amen.



About the Speaker

David Abioye is a respected Nigerian cleric and the Global Lead Pastor of the Living Word Conquerors Global Assembly.

He is widely recognised for his decades of faithful service in ministry and his long-standing role within one of Africa's most influential church movements. He previously served as the First Vice-President of the Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel), where he contributed significantly to leadership, teaching, and the expansion of the ministry's global reach.

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