

The Seven Pillars Of Leadership Wisdom

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Proverbs 9:1 has been a mystery to many over the years... **The Seven Pillars Of Wisdom!** What are those seven pillars? Many have conjectured. Many have wondered. But the key to this allegory is actually interwoven into the figurative language itself. As in most of Jesus' parables, one doesn't have to look any further than the allegory itself to define the seven pillars. They are strategically buried within the very words used by the author, waiting for the hungry to discover their meanings.

Proverbs 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

Proverbs 9:1 states that WISDOM BUILDS THE HOUSE. A house is built by wisdom. A business is launched by wisdom. A family is grown by wisdom. A church is founded and flourishes by wisdom. ANY ENTERPRISE IS FOUNDED ON THESE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM. These wisdom pillars are THE seven master-keys to successfully building ANYTHING... any business... any ministry... any network... any company... any career... any invention... any organization... any partnership... any enterprise!

Without even knowing it, many entrepreneurs, leaders, managers, pastors, and businessmen have actually applied some or all of these seven pillars of wisdom - and succeeded!

Before we discover these seven pillars, however, let's first see if there are any other scriptures that flesh out and confirm that it is indeed WISDOM that builds any enterprise. Lets look at Proverbs 24:3-4.

KJV: Through **wisdom** is an house builded; and by **understanding** it is established: And by **knowledge** shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

NLT: A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.

Here we see it again; the correlation between a HOUSE BEING BUILT and WISDOM! I really like Proverbs 24:3-4 because it tells me that TO GET OUT OF THE MUD, I'M GOING TO NEED SOME W.U.K....

W.isdom, U.nderstanding, and K.nowledge!

So here we go! Get ready! Here are the seven pillars of wisdom as clearly revealed within passages of Proverbs 9:1-6 themselves. The discovery of the seven pillars is so simple that it has been hidden to us. We have looked for the seven pillars elsewhere in the Bible, hoping that we were right! Or else we have been looking for the seven pillars to follow in the rest of chapter nine. But they are in the allegory itself. We couldn't see the forest for the trees! So how does one build a business? How does one launch a network? How does one plant a church and then grow it into a force to be reckoned with inside the community and influencing nations for the Gospel? How does one take an organization to its success zenith? The Seven Pillars, of course! they are as follows:

Proverbs 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: (notice the semi-colon)

I. ADVANCE PREPARATION!

1b ...she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2a She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine...
(These things must be done BEFORE the dinner is served.)

II. ORDERLY ORGANIZATION!

2b she hath also furnished her table.
(This accurate arrangement of things makes dinner practical and fun.)

III. WISE DELEGATION!

3a She hath sent forth her maidens:
(Notice that she not only delegates, but that she carefully chooses her delegates... "HER" maidens.)

IV. STRATEGIC ADVERTISATION! (or STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION)

3b she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
(She focused. Nothing random here. She determined how and where to advertise so she would get the most bang for her buck.)

V. IRRESISTABLE INVITATION!

4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
(First she shocks them into attention in verse 4 and then she offers them something pleasurable end of benefit to the listeners.)

VI. LEADERSHIP REPARATION! (or MANAGEMENT INTERVENTION)

6a Forsake the foolish, and live;
(She doesn't leave the enterprise to run on its own after launching it; rather she stays actively involved, constantly pointing the team in the right direction.)

VII. TRAINING INFORMATION!

6b and go in the way of understanding.
(And finally she provides her team members the understanding they need to become long distance runners by getting them trained.)

Wow! ADVANCE PREPARATION is the first foundation of launching anything. ORDERLY ORGANIZATION is necessary to make the enterprise efficient. WISE DELEGATION is either getting the advice one needs from subject matter experts, or appointing them as responsible for various parts of the project. STRATEGIC ADVERTISATION defines how, when, and where is the best way to get your message across, or to cast the vision. IRRESISTABLE INVITATION is the message stated, or product offered, or help requested in such an appealing way, that people are compelled to join your chariot! LEADERSHIP REPARATION is regularly stepping in to correct and adjust the course of the enterprise. TRAINING INFORMATION is the leader seeing to it that his team members are equipped through adequate and continued training in their specialty areas. SEVEN=SUCCESS!

Before I launched my last church, I made an outline with the seven pillars as the sub-headings of each section. There were seven pages, each with one of the seven pillars as a sub-heading. The seven pages were in the exact sequence as revealed here in Proverbs 9:1-6. I methodically and sequentially listed events, things to do, ways to do them, priorities, names of people, prerequisites, schedules, etc. under these sub-headings, all the while prayerfully meditating on these seven wisdom keys. NEVER BEFORE IN ALL MY LIFE HAVE I BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN PLANTING A CHURCH! I have planted three churches, but to the glory of God and to the credit of these seven principles He outlined here in Proverbs 9:1-6, this third church plant has by far been the most successful, fastest growing, most influential, and the easiest! I also founded an accredited Bible college

and seminary some years ago based using these seven pillars. Hundreds have received an accredited education, a degreed reputation, ministry preparation, and Biblical foundation because of the power and simplicity in these seven pillars. Recently I duplicated the first seminary in my new geographic location and have seen great results in people's lives. I have discovered that by diligently applying these seven keys, success is inevitable! Prosperity comes! Wisdom flows through these seven pillars, enabling one to become streamlined, modularized, efficient, and effective.

The sky is the limit! Anything God directs you to do... anything your heart dreams to accomplish... CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED by applying these seven master-keys. ADVANCE PREPARATION. ORDERLY ORGANIZATION. WISE DELEGATION. STRATEGIC ADVERTISATION. IRRESISTABLE INVITATION. LEADERSHIP REPARATION. TRAINING INFORMATION. Anything you endeavor to accomplish, any project you undertake... any business you wish to launch, any organization you wish to lead, any noble thing you wish to birth... PRAYERFULLY BUILD IT UPON THESE SEVEN PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP WISDOM!