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**GOD'S WAY IS  
ALWAYS THE BEST  
WAY**

Instructions:

- Read the entire lesson – all Bible verses are included and are from the New King James Version
- Answer the questions at the end of the lesson
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**In this lesson we will study some of the many words of wisdom given to us by God. Before we start on this topic, I'd like to discuss some warnings about dangerous practices in which we should not participate. Many of you may have read the Harry Potter books. Most people read these books for entertainment but God's Word gives us many warnings against such a lifestyle. Let's look at some of these warnings.**

The major concern about the Harry Potter books is that they uphold witchcraft and sorcery and trivialize the Biblical admonitions or warnings against such things. Even though the spells and magic in the books are not actual incantations (words said as a magic spell or charm), these stories legitimize the idea of practicing witchcraft. The books appeal to young people who generally lack solid, Biblical teaching on this subject. The Potter stories make it "cool" for kids to study the occult without mentioning its satanic origins. They imply that the only way to combat evil is through "good" magic, whereas the only way to combat evil is by the power of God.

- Deuteronomy 18:10-12 There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or a* soothsayer, *or one* who interprets omens, *or a* sorcerer, *or one* who conjures spells, *or a* medium, *or a* spiritist, *or one* who calls up the dead. For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.

Another concern revolves around the ethics found in the books. One example is where the kids break the school's rules but because their actions ultimately save the day, they are rewarded rather than punished for their disobedience. Another example is when Harry befriends a girl only after she lies to protect Harry and his friend. Prior to this, he had found her to be annoyingly legalistic about obeying the rules. Then the story goes on to say that she became "a bit more relaxed about breaking rules... and she was much nicer for it." This is not what is written in God's Word. – it is contrary to God's Word.

- Acts 5:29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men".

The stories paint a very derogatory view of anyone who does not practice magic. Harry and his friends feel superior to them. Non-magic people such as his relatives are looked down on as being clueless, mean-spirited and narrow-minded. Harry does not forgive his relatives - he wants revenge.

- Matthew 6:14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- Hebrews 10:30-31 For we know Him who said, “vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The LORD will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Many young people are fascinated by the occult because they have a deep spiritual hunger that is longing to be satisfied. They are looking for power and protection, especially if they feel victimized or wounded by their circumstances. Does this describe you? When someone feels this longing to be satisfied and is looking for power and protection, they should turn to God and accept His precious gift of salvation by becoming a Christian. Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi that God will supply all of their needs.

- Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

In a Christian’s life, there is no room for the occult or witchcraft, if we want to live according to God’s Will.

- Galatians 5:22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.
- Philippians 4: 6-8 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

**God's Way is always the best Way. Let's look at some of the advice that God gives us in His Word.**

**Question: After we become a Christian, does it make a difference how we live?**

**Answer:** *Yes, the kind of life that we live will generate either good or bad results. Don't become tired doing good things that please God.*

- Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**Question: Why should we not store up treasures on earth?**

**Answer:** *We must be careful about loving our earthly wealth and possessions – they can become too important to us.*

- Matthew 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Question: Why are we to avoid ungodly and idle chatter?**

**Answer:** *In this verse and others, Paul is warning about men who are teaching untruths - it increases ungodly behaviour.*

- II Timothy 2:16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

**Question: Why should a woman be discreet (have control over what she says and does) – in every aspect of her life?**

**Answer:** *Without discretion, a woman's beauty is wasted; it is compared to a gold ring in a pig's nose.*

- Proverbs 11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

**Question: How can we calm an angry person?**

**Answer:** *Give them a gentle answer; don't be harsh as that will make them angrier.*

- Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Question: What should we do when someone wrongs us?**

**Answer:** *Don't treat them the same way that they have treated us. God will take care of vengeance (punishment or retribution). Jesus tells us to do to others what we would like them to do to us.*

- Proverbs 24:29 Do not say I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to man according to his work.
- Luke 6:31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.
- Romans 12:17-19 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

**Question: How can we recognize God's wisdom?**

**Answer:** *If it is from God, it will be good, pure, peaceable, gentle, pliable, and merciful; it always produces good fruit; it is impartial and without hypocrisy (pretense).*

- James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy

**Question: Why should we always be truthful and honest in everything we do?**

**Answer:** *God is pleased when we are truthful because the truth is His delight. Lies however, are an abomination to Him.*

- Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.

**Question: How important is a good name and reputation?**

**Answer:** *They are more important than silver, gold and riches.*

- Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen than great riches; loving favour rather than silver or gold.

**Question: Why should we be kind and helpful to the poor?**

**Answer:** *When we show mercy to the needy and help them, we honour God. If we are unjust to them, we disappoint God.*

- Proverbs 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honours Him has mercy on the needy.

**Question: Daily we face decisions about what to do in a situation; should we do what we want or follow God?**

**Answer:** *It is God's will that we follow Him and turn away from evil. We must not rely on ourselves but rather rely on God's Word to direct us.*

- Proverbs 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.

**Question: Why should we never hate other people?**

**Answer:** *God tells us to love, not hate people because hatred causes conflict (serious disagreement). Hatred is listed among the works of the flesh whereas love is one of the fruits of the Spirit.*

- Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.
- John 15:17 ... I command you, that you love one another.
- Galatians 5:19-26 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Question: Why should we always rejoice, always pray and give thanks for everything?**

**Answer:** *This is the will of God.*

- I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Question: How important is wisdom and understanding in our lives?**

**Answer:** *To have wisdom and understanding is much better than having silver and gold.*

- Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

**Question: Why does God want us to be humble?**

**Answer:** *When we are proud, embarrassment will follow us but when we are humble, we show wisdom.*

- Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble *is* wisdom

**Question: Why should we like our neighbour and remain peaceful with him?**

**Answer:** *It shows that we have wisdom and understanding.*

- Proverbs 11:12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbour, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

**Question: If someone asks us for something or wants to borrow something, what should we do?**

**Answer:** *We must not turn them away; Jesus says that we are to give to those who ask.*

- Matthew 5:42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

**Question: How should we treat others including enemies?**

**Answer:** *Jesus said to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, pray for those who are full of malice toward us and those who persecute us..*

- Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

**Question: For whom does God want Christians to pray and why?**

**Answer:** *Christians are encouraged to pray for all men including our parents, our teachers, our employers our preachers and those who are in authority in our cities and our countries that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God. He wants all men to be saved and to learn the truth.*

- I Timothy 2:1-4 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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**True or False**

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3.  It is important to always tell the truth..
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5.  Children don't need to be disciplined.
6.  A good name and reputation are very important.
7.  We are not to be revengeful to others.
8.  Give a calm answer to an angry person.
9.  Jesus said to love our enemies.

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