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A Player's Journey - Lady Wisdom

Listen as wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! She stands on the hilltop and at the crossroads. (Proverbs 8:1)

My new golf novel, Player's Progress, is supposed to be pedagogical. It simply means to teach.

And one of my primary points is that wisdom is personified as a female in Proverbs. Indeed, I dedicated the book to my mother and wife. The author of Proverbs 31 attributes much of this Spirit-inspired wisdom to his mother: "These are the sayings of King Lemuel, an oracle that his mother taught him."

The book has two key female voices. One voice is that of a seductress attempting to lure the "son" into a wayward and destructive life (Proverbs 5: 3-6). The second female voice is the voice of God's wisdom (Proverbs 4: 5-9). Wisdom offers her advice on the 1st and 18th tees. She is a beloved founding member of Hokmah (wisdom in Hebrew) Golf Club.

In this absurd age in which we live, if there is anything we need it's wisdom, "a wisdom from above." If we are to understand the ways of the Almighty, we need the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to see the world as God sees it. That wisdom is found in Scripture, especially in the book of Proverbs.

In my book, Player's Progress, I've presented the Holy Spirit as a "caddie." Just as a caddie gives direction, counsel, and encouragement on the course, the Holy Spirit guides the believer through the journey of life. Many times, sometimes without them knowing it, the Holy Spirit speaks to us through others. In my case, it has often been women.

But what about Scripture! Do we see Jesus pouring his Spirit out on women and then using them significantly to advance his purposes? Jesus Himself chose two women to be among his most important witnesses. He trusted two ladies with eternal truth.

First, the Woman at the Well in Sychar was the first person to hear Jesus say, "I am the Messiah!" (John 4:29). Jesus trusted this wayward woman who would become wise with this Good News.

And then Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb. Jesus spoke her name, so she "found the disciples and told them, 'I have seen the Lord!' (John 20:18). The famous eleven (Judas was sadly gone) heard the Good News of a resurrected Lord from a wise woman named Mary!

So much wisdom, a wisdom found in Scripture and enlightened to us by the Holy Spirit, has been given to women. Men, listen up!

Prayer: Lord, you've taught us to ask for wisdom. We ask now for the wisdom from above.

READING - Proverbs 1: 1-7; Proverbs 2: 1-5; Proverbs 3: 1-12.

OPENING QUESTIONS: What LPGA member most impresses you? What role/impact, if any, have women played in your love of the game?

1. What do we learn about "wisdom" in Proverbs 1: 1-7? What role does the "fear of God" play?

2. In Proverbs 2: 1-5, what role do we play? That is, what do these verses teach us about our acquisition of wisdom?

3. In Proverbs 3: 1-24, What benefits accrue to the one who discovers biblical wisdom? Mention any number of them and discuss.
