



Live as People Who Are Wise and Not Foolish

Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post on Learn from Your Mistakes. These Bible passages and thought-provoking questions are designed to help you engage with the Scriptures, as well as observe, understand, and apply God's Word to your life. I pray this devotion will inspire and motivate you to consider the benefits of applying the truth of each passage and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

As long as you have people living and working together, mistakes will happen. They are unavoidable. Many of us have been taught to fear failure; and we view the cost as too high – whether financial, relational, career etc. Failure however is a part of life. There cannot be success without some amount of failure.

Mistakes have cost me a lot of money in the past. However, I did not stop there but have compiled a list of lessons that I learnt through them.

LEAN IN

- What is a big mistake you've made? Did you draw any lessons from it?

Let us read the following scriptures together:

Proverbs 24:16

For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

Proverbs 14:16

The wise are cautious and avoid danger, fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.

LOOK DOWN

- What do these verses say to us about our approach to life and mistakes?

LOOK OUT

- How do these verses compare to what we see in society today?

LOOK IN

- What areas do you need to grow in your response to mistakes?

One of the beautiful traits of God is that He does not leave us in spaces of hopelessness and despair. He always invites us to experience His grace by pointing us to a better way.

Consider the following scriptures:

James 1:5-6

But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all. But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all.

Ephesians 5:15-17

So be careful how you live. Live as men who are wise and not foolish. Make the best use of your time. These are sinful days. Do not be foolish. Understand what the Lord wants you to do.

LIVE IT OUT

- What one change can you implement today in your response and attitude towards mistakes?

I thank God for the mistakes I have learned along the way. They have been some of my best teachers. Though painful, lessons learned have contributed to making better decisions for myself, my family, and my businesses. The key is to expect mistakes to happen. However, do not settle there. Prepare for them and develop a perspective of learning from them instead. Inevitably, our leadership will benefit too.

May God's grace be upon you as you gain wisdom from your mistakes.