

# Nugget of Gold

This nugget of Gold is offered to every Nurse, and in particular all those who are in Nursing because of:

The need for job and economic security,  
Because of failure to get into Medicine, Engineering, or some other discipline of choice,  
As a ticket to migrate,  
To ensure a better marriage proposition.

The disillusionment, aggression and vindictiveness in Nursing as we enter 2010 AD is living proof that Nursing Education per se does not meet the above very real needs of millions of Nurses world-wide.

This Nugget of Gold offers not just an 'ADD ON' to already overloaded Nursing Education Programs but when appropriated cannot fail to transform each life and our profession and thus enrich the whole life long process of Nursing Education for each Nurse.

## THE PATH TO TRUE SUCCESS

### WHAT IS WISDOM?

#### Principle

Wisdom is the key to a life of beauty, fulfilment, and purpose.  
Proverbs 3:15-18.

Wisdom is skill in the art of living life with every area under the dominion of God.

It is the ability to use the best means at the best time to accomplish the best ends.

### HOW DO WE PURSUE WISDOM?

#### Principle

The treasures of wisdom rest in the hands of God.

Since it comes from above. Proverbs 2:6; James 3:17.

We cannot attain it apart from Him.

### WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR ATTAINING WISDOM?

#### Principle

"True wisdom can only be gained by cultivating the fear of the Lord.  
Job 28:28; Psalm 86:11; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 17:9-10.

### WHAT IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

#### Principle

To fear God is to have an attitude of awe and humility before Him.  
Proverbs 15:33;

It is to recognize Him as our Creator and our complete dependence upon Him in every activity of our lives.

### **WHY HAVE SO FEW NURSES DEVELOP THIS FEAR OF GOD?**

**Principle**                    The temporal value system of this world is based on what is seen while the eternal value system of Scripture is based on what is unseen. 2 Corinthians 4:16 to 18:7.

The former exerts a powerful influence upon us; each Nurse and each member of our families; as with all peoples, and we struggle with giving up the seen for the unseen as revealed in the Bible.

### **WHAT CAN ENABLE US TO CHOOSE THE ETERNAL VALUE SYSTEM?**

**Principle**                    The choice is based on faith – believing God in spite of appearances and circumstances.

And faith is based on trust.

### **HOW DO WE GROW IN FAITH?**

**Principle**                    Our ability to trust God is directly proportional to our knowledge of God.

The better we know Him, the more we can trust Him.

### **HOW CAN WE INCREASE IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?**

**Principle**                    We become intimate with God as we talk with Him in prayer and listen to His voice in Scripture – the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible.

The better we know God, the more we love Him and want to respond to His desires for our lives.

Faith in God is simply trusting Him as a person, and trust is manifested in action – our actions.

**May each Nurse say with conviction “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.” Psalms 119:11**

**Principle**                    Righteousness is creative; sin is destructive. Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23.

**Principle**                    The destructiveness of sin is overcome by a faith that takes God at His word in spite of appearances and circumstances to the contrary. Genesis 15:6 John 3:16; Hebrews 11:8-22.

**Principle** Revelation demands obedience, and obedience brings blessing. Deuteronomy 6:1-15; Joshua 1:8; John 15:12-17

Success as individual Nurses and a Profession depends on the degree of our conformity to God's laws written in our hearts and in the Bible.

Disobedience leads to personal disillusionment and discontent as well as personal and professional disaster.

Our success, when we have the courage to trust in Christ, is measured by the degree of our conformity to His character, i.e., the extent that Christ is the Lord of our life.

**Principle** Obedience grows out of a heart for God. Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 Samuel 13:14; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Acts 13:22

The cause of failure was and is a lack of a heart for God.

The key to success was and is a right relationship with God and genuine love for the Lord.

**Principle** To have a heart for God is to approach life from His perspective. Job 42:1-6; Psalms 1; 19; 63: 73; 119; Proverbs 2:1-9; Romans 12:1-3.

**Principle** God's disciplines are designed to restore our heart for Himself. Jeremiah 17:5,7; Joel 2:12,13; Hebrews 12:5-11

God has to discipline His people because of our moral and spiritual rebellion and refusal to heed the warnings of His Word. Reproof is designed to bring repentance and repentance brings restoration.

Because God loves us He must at times chasten us to train us in the ways of righteousness.

How each Nurse and his or her family responds, shows whether we are teachable or intractable.

Our personal choice determines our success, our peace and our true effectiveness in Nursing and in this world.

**Principle** True restoration results from being molded by the Word within rather than by the world without. Ezra 7:10; 9:10-15; Isaiah 46:3; Acts 7:51-53

When each Nurse is determined not to neglect his/her relationship with God, either through religiosity without internal reality, or through the influence of culture rather than by the truth and reality of Scripture, the quality of each Nurse's personal and family life and professional effectiveness will be marked by the distinctiveness of love and compassionate caring that never fails to make a difference.

**Principle**

Christ's life is reproduced in others when we take the initiative to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. Mathew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Colossians 4:2-6.

This is the key to every Nurses real success in life.

To his/ her ability to become natural bridges for effective communication of truth in Nursing, and to become instruments of the Holy Spirit to encourage others in their search to want the Life of Christ.

**Principle**

God wants us to grow in our understanding that Christ's life and destiny is our life and destiny. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Ephesians 1:3, 17-19; 3:16-19; Philippians 1:21; 3:20, 21; 1 Peter 1:3-9.

This enables each Nurse to develop an eternal perspective in the midst of earthly problems, to live above the prevailing circumstances, and to rejoice because of their firm grasp of who He/she is in Christ.

May each Nurse be willing not just to read this Nugget of Gold, but to grasp it with both hands, imbed it in his/her whole heart and mind, and to stand out against the unholy tide of the world that is doing its utmost to destroy Nurses and Nursing.

***Just think!***

*Each Nurse has the potential of becoming a key instrument of change in the whole health service arena of which you are a part.*

**This is reality.**