

Session 101 – End and Review of Level 2 Sonship Orientation

We have just finished looking at the orientation of the Level 2 education.

Before I ask you if there are any questions, let me say a couple of things to wrap this all that we have been looking at. You know that in Level 2 you are made aware of your reputation in the heavenly places; your conversation is in heaven. And you have heard what your conversation is: CONVERSATION, n.

1. General course of manners; behavior; deportment; especially as it respects morals. (Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel. Philippians 1.)

Philippians 1:27 Only **let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ**: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Philippians 3:20 For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

A reputation is an adult issue, not a childhood issue. We don't tell children that their actions may ruin their reputation.

When we examined the doctrine for this in Israel's program, we saw this in Proverbs 22, where the issue of "a good name" or reputation is at stake in the son.

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

The "good name" for us is not so much about just having a good earthly reputation, but a good name in our Father's business. The reason that Proverbs 22 talks about a good name is rather to be chosen than "great riches" is because of one of the allurements of the POE.

At this stage in Level 2, money is an allurement, especially to a pastor. That is why Paul told Timothy the way he does about money and being "greedy of filthy lucre," etc. The POE will attempt to lure away a sonship pastor by dangling the carrot of lots more money in front of him.

At his point, you already know that the POE is designed to corrupt your name/reputation. When a Level 2 son begins to manifest his name and reputation, your heavenly Father begins to do something in the heavenly places in connection with that – and I will tell you what that is shortly.

But, if the son is caught in an indiscretion, what the Father does gets shut down. Yes, a son who gets caught in an indiscretion can recover from it, but the truth is that the consequences are more devastating than I have told you.

Now, turn with me to Proverbs 23, which is still the doctrine for a son in Israel's program.

Proverbs 23:1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: ² And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite. ³ Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat. ⁴ Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. ⁵ Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. ⁶ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

Now, think about what I am about to ask you. When you are told, in vs. 1, to “diligently consider,” what attribute are you being asked to employ? Discretion!

As begin to look at the passage, I want you to recall what we looked at toward the end of our last session, about not going with an angry man.

Proverbs 22:24 **Make no friendship with an angry man;** and with a furious man thou shalt not go: ²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

With that in mind, let’s turn our attention to the Proverbs 23 passage. If you read through the passage, you will notice the words “desire” and “desirous.” Verse 3 says to “be not desirous” of the foods which are put before you. Verse 6 says not to “desire his dainty meats.”

So, here is what you have, a man of position and power (ruler) is going to offer a meal and the remnant is warned not to partake of it – and their hunger is not the issue.

Proverbs 23:6 **Eat thou not the bread of him** that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

If you recall some of the old movies, let’s say one of the old John Wayne movies for example, you can recall a time when John Wayne’s nemesis would come into the saloon and what to buy John Wayne a drink, or a meal, or some such. And what would John Wayne do? He would refuse to drink or eat with the guy because he was a bad guy.

Well, in the same fashion, you are informed in Level 2 that your reputation can be adversely affected by who you sit down with to simply have a meal. For us, in the this dispensation of grace, who we eat with has a bearing on our name and our reputation in the heavenly places.

It was in Level 2 that the son is told for the first time that the strange woman has a “beauty.”

Proverbs 6:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. ²⁵ **Lust not after her beauty** in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

In Level 2, the POE dolls itself up and really goes after the son. It will attempt to become so alluring that the son cannot resist her beauty. This is why Paul talks to Timothy about Satan transforming himself into an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

He will look, walk, talk and act like righteousness. In Level 2, the desire for the beauty of the strange woman will be replaced with something much better; an attraction for godly knowledge and discretion. And the attraction for what those offer the son will be greater than the attractiveness of the strange woman.

Not only that, but the subtilty that you get in phase 1 of Level 2 is what allows the son to see the POE's tactics that are being used against him. The keen insight given to the son makes him aware of the ways in which his reputation can be ruined.

The final thing we want to do is take the book of Ephesians and talk about the issue I raised earlier. If you recall, I was telling you that there was something that your Father was doing, but it could be shut down when you commit an indiscretion.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

When we think of a blessing, we almost always think of a thing of some kind. And sometimes that would be an accurate way to think of the word. But the use of the word here has something else in mind. To "bless" someone is to say something good about them. Just as Isaac took the blessing or "good words" that Jacob would say.

Genesis 27:30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made **an end of blessing Jacob**, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

Daniel 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and **I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever**, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

Now I want us to come back and look at Ephesians 3 again.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places** in Christ:

As a Level 2 son, when you exhibit the things of subtilty and knowledge and discretion, your heavenly Father begins to "bless" you (say good things about you) in the heavenly places. Think of this bull-horn type announcement that is made by the Father to all of the angels.

The angels don't do this, but your Father publishes your reputation all through the heavenly places. Let me give you an example back from the OT; from the book of Job. Now I know that Job was not part of the dispensation of grace that we live in, but neither was he under the law as

part of Israel's program. But I want you to notice that the LORD is saying something as all the angels come before him, something about Job. And what he is saying are good things; He is blessing Job.

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

In the same manner, you Father is, in a sense, bragging on you as you put on display the very things He is after in a Level 2 son. I think of the soldiers who were put into prison during the war and all they heard day and night was an unending voice of propaganda – telling them to give up, telling them they were losing the war, telling them all kinds of things to break their moral. Well, as you put Level 2's attributes on display, the Father is giving the heavenly places a non-stop speech extolling the virtues of His sons!

The adversary seeks to shut that broadcast down. The issue for you and me is to walk worthy of this calling we have been given, which is why we are given discretion.

Before we move on to Level 3's orientation, I need to ask you if you have any questions about Level 2. For those of you watching the course on DVD or listening to the audio, I know you can't ask me questions. So, to ensure that you know the bare minimum of things, there is a list of questions at the end of these notes which you should be able to answer. Please go over those and if you have any questions about these things or if you get stuck, then there is also an answer sheet included to help you. You might want to go back over the notes of the areas you are unsure of just to refresh yourself.

For those of you who are taking the class live, let me ask you to turn to the back pages of your notes and let's go over the things back there. This is a necessary step to take before we move into examining Level 3 of our education. It will much easier to move forward if there are no gaps in your understanding up to this point.

A Very Basic Final Review of Sonship Orientation Levels 1 & 2

Introduction:

1. What is the 3rd component of your Sanctification?

2. Since we are living in the dispensation of grace, why is it necessary for us to go back to the book of Proverbs?

3. What are we looking for in the book of Proverbs?

4. Where in Proverbs is the “table of contents” for sonship education?

5. Where in Proverbs are the exhortations for Israel’s program?

6. Where in Proverbs are the doctrines for Israel’s program?

Adoption:

1. What is the primary characteristic of Childhood?

2. What is the primary characteristic of Adulthood?

3. Under adoption, how does God deal with you?

4. The 3 Basic Freedoms the Adopted Son enjoys are:

a. Freedom from: _____

b. Freedom from: _____

c. Freedom from: _____

5. The Law served as Israel's what?

Level 1 Sonship:

1. What constitutes Phase 1 of Level 1 in Proverbs?

2. What constitutes Phase 2 of Level 1 in Proverbs?

3. What is meant in Proverbs 1:2 "to know wisdom and instruction?"

4. What is meant in Prov. 1:2, "to perceive the words of understanding?"

5. What are "wisdom, justice, judgment and equity" and where are they found in Paul's epistles?

6. Where is your Sonship Orientation found in Paul's epistles?

7. Where is your Sonship Establishment found in Paul's epistles?

Level 2 Sonship:

1. What constitutes Phase 1 of Level 2?

2. What constitutes Phase 2 of Level 2?

3. What will subtility do for the son? Why does he need subtility?

4. What is the "knowledge" of vs. 4 referring to?

5. What is "discretion" and why does a son need it?

6. What is your "conversation" as referred to in Philippians 3:20?

7. What books in Paul's epistles deal with Level 2 of the sonship education?

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We are now going to look at an overview (orientation) of Level 3 of your sonship education.

Proverbs 1:2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
³ To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give
subtily to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. ⁵ **A wise man will
hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise
counsels: ⁶ To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise,
and their dark sayings.**

I hope by now you have learned to look at passages and notice the way they are treated with regard to punctuation type issues. Verses 5-6 are one single sentence. Just as vv. 1-4 is a single sentence. Now, why would I want to bring this out, the fact that we have a single sentence?

As we went through the first four verses, we determined that, because of the use of the appellatives and the punctuation, that there were two levels in those verses. And because both of those levels are contained in a single sentence, then we know that Levels 1 & 2 are closely linked.

But in vv. 5-6, we have a single sentence containing a single level of our education. Again, with the appellatives, we will have two phases in this level. But because this level is in a different sentence, all to itself, you need to see that there is a greater difference between Level Three than any of the other other levels with regard to each other. I guess I could say that I would like for you to begin viewing Level 3 as able to stand on its own; or that it can stand alone.

Now, let me ask you a question. At the end of Level 2, if it has been successful, what is the son known as? He is known as a wise man. Then, as he moves into Level 3, some interesting things happen; he “will hear” some things and then he “will increase learning.” Now, I want to talk to you about this, but I want you to start thinking about this on your own.

Now, look back at verse 5.

Proverbs 1:5 **A wise man will hear**, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

I have already pointed out to you that the wise man is going to hear something and when he does, he will “increase learning.” Well, to understand what Level 3 is about, you have to be able to answer the question, “What is it that the wise man is going to hear?”

You know this is not referring to him just hearing any old thing. This is not about him hearing something general, but he will hear something very specific. In other words, there is something the wise man has to hear before he can “increase learning” and become a “man of understanding.” To fully appreciate what Level 3 is doing, you need to be able to identify

exactly what it is that the “wise man” will hear, which will result in him “increase learning” and becoming a “man of understanding.”

Now, I want to step aside for a moment and make an analogy to help you start thinking about this 3rd level. Let’s take for example, a Colonel in the military. If he has come through the ranks properly, he knows all about and should be able to do the job of any 1st or 2nd Lieutenant, Captain, Major, or Lt. Colonel, as well as his own job as a full-bird Colonel. He understands each of those ranks as well as the responsibilities that fall to each of them and how to discharge those responsibilities. In other words, he knows how to do all of their jobs.

Now let’s apply that illustration to you. Everything you have gone through in Levels 1 & 2 brings you to the place where you are now considered to be a “wise man.” And no matter if you achieve all the things in Level 3 or not, as a wise man, you are able to think the way your Father thinks, do things His way and do business the same way your Father does business; the three components of godliness.

But that’s not all there is to training a son. There is one other thing. I’m going to come back to this, because I’m not going to tell you what this other thing is yet. What I am doing, by not telling you this yet, is attempting to get you thinking in a certain way about this Level 3 education. So let me give you some other things to start thinking about that are connected to this issue.

We have talked a lot about education. Because of our background, when we talk about an education, we normally picture the Greco-Roman style education. But in the Bible, things are based on the Hebrew model of education. This makes sense, since God would be the one who gave it to them and He would have given it to them with something much bigger in mind than just an education model. He would have been thinking about the education He wanted His own sons to engage in with Him.

Now, let me tie in something with regard to the Lord Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry. Before I do, let me ask a question: “Do you have a problem with the idea of the Lord Jesus Himself learning things while He was here on this earth?”

We’ve covered this in past sessions, in fact, quite a long time back. We looked at Isaiah and the gospels to see that the things the Lord Jesus learned, were taught to Him by His Father in a real Father/Son relationship, just like the one being offered to you.

Isaiah 50:4 **The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned**, that I should **know how** to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear **to hear as the learned**.⁵ The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.⁶ I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.⁷ For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded:

therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.⁸ *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but **as my Father hath taught me**, I speak these things.

I don't want to recreate those lessons, so I am hoping that you do not have any problem with the idea that the Lord Jesus was instructed by His heavenly Father. There is an teaching out there, which is held by many, that says since Jesus was God (and I agree that He was God in the flesh), He came into the world knowing everything. They would say that it is blasphemous to teach that Jesus actually learned anything while He was on this earth. But the Scripture would seem to teach otherwise.

Referring to the incident when Jesus was 12 years of age and He stayed behind when his family had left to return home from their attendance at the feast days in Jerusalem, Luke makes an interesting statement.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and stature, and in favour with God and man.

It would be pretty difficult to "increase in wisdom" if you already knew all there was to know. If you still have a problem with this issue, then I would suggest for you to go back and restudy the sessions in which we dealt with all this. If you understand this issue, then let's take that understanding somewhere and make use of it.

Of the four, only one of the gospel writers goes to the trouble to give the dates and ages of the Lord Jesus Christ at different times in His life. Do you know which one is it? The answer is: Luke.

Now, here is the next question. When Jesus began His earthly ministry, how old was He? He was 30 years of age. How do we know? We know because Luke tells us.

Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,²² And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.²³ And Jesus himself began to be about **thirty years of age**, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,

In our model of education, we run the age for education up to around 22-23 years of age, which is the time in which a person would normally finish their college work. But in the Hebrew model of education, things were different. They would run the education age up to around 30 years of age because it included some other things, such as apprenticeship.

Again, I'm telling you all of this to get you thinking about your Level 3 education and especially about what a "wise man" has got to hear. And he cannot hear this anywhere in Levels 1 or 2. He can only hear it in Level 3. And I am not talking about him hearing a bunch of information or teaching. There is something the son has to hear, whereupon once he hears it, he will increase learning and become a "man of understanding."

Now we are not going to develop this today, but we are going to come back to it. But there is a little more you need to be thinking about. Look back at the passage we just read in Luke 3 and realize that Luke says something about this event that none of the other gospel writers say.

Jesus' age is not recorded in any of the other gospel accounts. If you understand what Luke is doing, and what kind of a writer he is, as the 3rd writer in the gospel accounts (to present Christ to Israel so that they "behold" Him in a particular way) then this makes a lot sense.

So here is a homework assignment for next week. I want you to think about what happens in the life of a son who gets to be this age. You don't need to think about the Bible, or Christianity or even the Lord Jesus to come to the answer I'm after. Just think of this in the framework of normal, human life. Think about what is happening in any man's life at this age, or at this point in his life. In any natural man's life, think about what would be going on in his life at this point. There are some things that are very common to all men, which they are facing at this stage or time of their lives. Okay, I think that's enough to get you thinking in the right direction. We'll come back to this, but in the meantime, I want you to think about it and see if you can come up with the answer.

Now, this will bring us back to the passage itself in Proverbs 1.

Proverbs 1:2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
³ To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give
subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. ⁵ **A wise man will
hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise
counsels:** ⁶ **To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise,
and their dark sayings.**

As we noted earlier, there are 2 sentences that include all 3 levels. Yes, they are connected in the same paragraph, but there is a degree of separateness in Level 3. And just so you know that we aren't just inventing little details to talk about, as we go through this in more detail, you will understand that there is an important reason for Level 3 to have this "stand alone" status.

What you have at the end of vs. 5 is a full colon. We don't write with colons very much any more, but they are a strong tool for pointing out how the information is supposed to be handled. That means, that what follows the colon, in vs. 6, is a list or an inventory of things which the son will be able to do once he has become a "man of understanding" who has "attained unto wise counsels."

In other words, that “man of understanding” will be able to “understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise and their dark sayings.” But when it comes to us, there is a problem with verse 6. In our doctrine, Paul is writing to us in a proverbial style. Our curriculum is written in epistolary style. Therefore, the ones to whom verse 6 pertains to the most are the members of the believing remnant of Israel. They are the ones who will actually need to “understand a proverb and the interpretation, etc.”

I’m not saying we don’t have any measure of application in our doctrine presented to us by our apostle, there are some “dark sayings” that we will be able to understand. But what I’m saying is because of the nature of verse 6 having to do primarily with the remnant of Israel, we are not going to spend nearly as much time on it as we will in vs. 5. And I’m not saying that we won’t look at vs. 6 at all, we will. But most of our time will be spent on vs. 5 for the reasons I just mentioned.

With that being said, let’s focus our attention on vs. 5.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

For now, don’t worry about what those “wise counsels” are. What I want you to see right now is that this is the goal of this entire education; everything has been pointing to this end. In fact, you will see that in Level 3, the son actually ascends to something and therefore, you have this sense of ascendancy in the table of contents. The titles themselves are descriptive of that.

The “young” appellative drops off and is replaced by the word “wise,” indicating a maturity.

Now, just to get an idea of what is in your minds, I want to ask you a question, “what do you think it means when it says “increase learning.” I’m not going to comment on whether you are right or wrong right now, I just want to hear what you think of when you read those words. Okay, no matter what your answer was, as we go through this, we will see if those answers stand the test of time.

Now, to get back to the verse, the son is now a “wise man” by virtue of completing Level 2. But there is something that is very noticeable in vs. 5. There is something that he and his Father have not gone over yet, but once the son hears it, then he will “increase learning” and he will become the ultimate objective of the entire educational process; a man of understanding. This “man” understands this whole thing.

Now let me caution you: don’t read into this, any of the things of the previous levels. For example, by the time the son gets to the end of Level 2, he can work on his own. The son knows how to conduct the Father’s business without any help. What I’m saying is, Level 3 is not designed to get you equipped to “think like your Father, or do things His way, or even to labor with Him in His business.” You can do all of that from what Levels 1 & 2 have done.

From what I just said, you may have come to the conclusion (and rightly so) that if you have been successful through the first 2 levels of your education, even if you don't get Level 3, you will not be impeded from engaging in your Father's business. This is beyond that.

Think about Jesus. By the time He was 30, if He had been (and I suspect He did) laboring with Joseph in the carpentry business, I'm sure He knew the whole business by that time. I believe Joseph adopted Jesus and taught Him the carpenter's trade. He didn't just throw the tools at Jesus and say, "you know how to do this, you're God." Then Jesus could have responded, "why use tools? I'm God, so I just make the stuff by willing it into existence." Hopefully you understand I'm just making a point.

Now, it really makes no difference if you think Joseph adopted Jesus and taught Him the trade or not. For the sake of argument, let's just say, "if Joseph did adopt and train Jesus, by the age of 30, Jesus would have been fully functional in Joseph's business.

The point I am after in this is that what is taking place is not to enable the son to function in the Father's business. That got completed in Level 2. By the way, the part of your Bible that pertains to all this is 1 & 2 Thessalonians. If you begin reading through those books, which you should, you will find an absence of the kind of material you may have been expecting. At least that is the way it was for me. I thought I would be hearing more about the heavenly places and what I would be doing up there, but that isn't the case.

Well, to round out this session, let me take you through a simple breakdown of the Level 3 curriculum.

LEVEL THREE

PHASE ONE	PHASE TWO
Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:	Proverbs 1:6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

On the following pages are the answers to the quiz at the end of session 101.

A Very Basic Final Review of Sonship Orientation Levels 1 & 2 - Answers

Introduction:

1. What is the 3rd component of your Sanctification?
You are a “son of God” (by way of adoption)
2. Since we are living in the dispensation of grace, why is it necessary for us to go back to the book of Proverbs?
Because Paul does not explain adoption, information has already been given to us to understand what he is telling us and we find that in Proverbs. Because the cry of “Abba, Father” requires knowledge that Paul is counting on us already knowing.
3. What are we looking for in the book of Proverbs?
The basic structure of adoption
4. Where in Proverbs is the “table of contents” for sonship education?
Proverbs 1:2-6
5. Where in Proverbs are the exhortations for Israel’s program?
Proverbs 1:7 – 9:18
6. Where in Proverbs are the doctrines for Israel’s program?
Proverbs 10:1 – 29:27

Adoption:

1. What is the primary characteristic of Childhood?
He is restricted, under tutors & governors, limited decision-making
2. What is the primary characteristic of Adulthood?
He has liberty
3. Under adoption, how does God deal with you?
As an adult – He tells you why He does what He does
4. The 3 Basic Freedoms the Adopted Son enjoys are:
 - a. Freedom from: fear motivation
 - b. Freedom from: rudiments of the world (law)
 - c. Freedom from: limited decision-making

5. The Law served as Israel's what?

Tutor & Governor

6. You, in this dispensation of grace, are not under the law, but under what?

Grace

Level 1 Sonship:

1. What constitutes Phase 1 of Level 1 in Proverbs?

To know wisdom and instruction / to perceive the words of understanding

2. What constitutes Phase 2 of Level 1 in Proverbs?

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment and equity

3. What is meant in Proverbs 1:2 "to know wisdom and instruction?"

To know it exists/ to know it has value

4. What is meant in Prov. 1:2, "to perceive the words of understanding?"

To know there is a structured curriculum that serves to educate you

5. What are "wisdom, justice, judgment and equity" and where are they found in Paul's epistles?

They are decision-making skills for a prince/king/governor and they are found in Romans 12-16

6. Where is your Sonship Orientation found in Paul's epistles?

Romans 8:14-15

7. Where is your Sonship Establishment found in Paul's epistles?

Romans 8:16-39

Level 2 Sonship:

1. What constitutes Phase 1 of Level 2?

To give subtility to the simple

2. What constitutes Phase 2 of Level 2?

To the young man knowledge and discretion

3. What will subtility do for the son? Why does he need subtility?

Subtility allows the son to discern the finer points of his Father's business and the POE's attacks against him, he sees "below the surface." It solves his "one dimensional" problem.

The son needs subtility because the POE will now be subtle in its attacks against him

4. What is the "knowledge" of vs. 4 referring to?

Knowledge that the son now has a reputation in the heavenly places which enables him to have an impact and an influence there

5. What is “discretion” and why does a son need it?

Discretion is the cautionary skill that allows a son to see the repercussions of his actions “down the road” into the future

A son needs discretion because everything he says, does along with every decision he makes has an impact on his reputation, good or bad

6. What is your “conversation” as referred to in Philippians 3:20?

Your conduct and behavior as it is seen by, and impacts, others

7. What books in Paul’s epistles deal with Level 2 of the sonship education?

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians