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**TEXT: Proverbs 22:1-6**

**TITLE: "WHAT A WISE MAN KNOWS AND DOES"**

**SERIES: "GET SMART" – Wisdom for Living from the Book of Proverbs # 8**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**ILLUSTRATION:** Billie Ruth Griffin tells about how her father was worried that she and her fiancé and were rushing into marriage since they had known each other only seven months. "On the big day, as I waited with my father at the back of the church for the ceremony to begin, I leaned over and whispered to him, 'Daddy, I can't move.' 'That's okay, Honey,' he said, revealing his unabated doubts. 'We don't have to do this. We can turn around and walk right out that door.' I had no choice but to bring him back to reality. 'No, Daddy,' I replied, squeezing his arm, 'you're standing on my train.'"

The first sixteen verses of this chapter contain themes frequently found in the book of Proverbs. Today, we are going to look at some themes of living wisely that relate to all of us, though the focus this morning is specifically on fathers.

**I. A WISE MAN KNOWS THE VALUE OF A GOOD REPUTATION**

**"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold" (Proverbs 22:1)**

1. Choosing a baby's name is a delightful and important exercise.
2. There are many books available that list names to help you in making a choice.
3. Though most of us do not choose our own names, we are responsible for the reputation that accompanies that name.
4. In Judaism, a good name is the greatest good man can achieve.
5. This proverb expresses the value of a good name, placing it above wealth in value.
6. A good name or reputation was highly regarded in Israel.

**ILLUSTRATION: History records that an ancient Rabbi said, "There are three crowns: The crown of the study of the Law, the crown of priesthood and the crown of royalty, but the crown of a good name surpasses them all"**

7. The word "name" here means "reputation" but for the ancient, it had the idea of "personality" or "essence of a person."
8. It is not disparaging wealth but pointing out a good reputation is more valuable than wealth.
9. Great riches are not as desirable as a good name for the person with wisdom.
10. There are many things a person can have, but they are not as valuable as a good reputation.
11. Our reputations can open and close doors of opportunity.

12. Reputation matters.

**EXAMPLE:** “In the early church, there was a time when the ministry was not getting done and some were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So, the disciples were going to choose seven men to take over that responsibility. Listen to the qualifications set out for these men to have. “Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.” (Acts 6:3)

13. They were to find people who had a reputation for being full of the Spirit and wisdom.

14. They had a reputation God could use for His glory.

15. Paul wrote of leaders in His letter to Timothy, “He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.” (I Timothy 3:7)

16. Do you have a reputation God can use for His glory?

17. What is your reputation?

**ILLUSTRATION:** My father passed away on December 14, 1993. At the service, I remember that a man came to me and said, “David, your dad was a godly man.”

18. I have thought through the years, “That is a great reputation to have and to leave behind.”

19. A good reputation and high esteem or respect result from the living of good lives.

20. The reputation of being a godly man comes from living a godly life.

21. How are you known and how will you be remembered?

“A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.” (Ecclesiastes 7:1)

22. It is talking about the reputation we leave behind.

23. The choice is between choosing to leave one’s mark (to be esteemed) and passing unnoticed from this life.

24. It better to leave behind a good reputation than to leave behind wealth.

“The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.” (Proverbs 10:7)

25. How will you be remembered?

26. Every day, we are building reputations our children will remember.

27. Every day, we are building reputations in the neighborhoods we live.

28. Every day, we are building reputations in the schools we attend.

29. Every day, we are building reputations in the places we work.

30. Every day, we are building reputations with the people we meet.

31. Every day, we are building a reputation in the church.

32. Every day, we are making a name for ourselves.

33. Every day, we are building a reputation.

**ILLUSTRATION:** (PROP - Different colored big blocks that spell REPUTATION when I turn them around. Put letters on the back side & number on front. Perhaps blocks that fit on a pole)

**Building blocks are wooden, plastic or foam pieces of various shapes (square, cylinder, arch, triangle, etc.) and colors that are used as building toys. Sometimes toy blocks depict letters of the alphabet. It has been noted that building blocks have Physical, Social, Intellectual and Creative benefits. One of the first references to Alphabet Nursery Blocks was made by English philosopher, John Locke, in 1693. The first recorded large scale production of blocks was in 1820.**

34. The reality is that we are all building a reputation.

35. Just as building blocks can be knocked down with the wave of a hand, it takes years to build a reputation--and just a moment of indiscretion to destroy it.

**ILLUSTRATION:\*\* “Reputations are fragile. They must be handled with care, like a valuable vase that, if dropped, can never quite be put together again.” (Bill Pollard)**

36. Build wisely because your reputation matters.

37. The words we speak build a reputation.

38. The places we go build a reputation

39. The attitude we have builds a reputation.

40. The passions we have and things we value build a reputation.

41. The things we do build a reputation.

42. The things we don't do build a reputation.

43. The people we spend time with build a reputation.

44. The way we do things build a reputation.

45. The relationship we have with the Lord.

46. The ministries we do or way we serve the Lord.

47. A good name is more valuable than the riches of this world.

48. Your reputations matters.

49. A wise man knows the value of a reputation and seeks to build a valuable reputation every day.

50. As Christians, our reputation impacts the reputation of the one we are named after.

**51. Paul wrote “...so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life – ” (Philippians 2:15-16)**

52. As Christians, we are to represent the Christ who redeemed us.

**ILLUSTRATION: The city of Cairo has its own unique version of poverty called Garbage City .... Each morning at dawn, some seven thousand garbage collectors on horse-carts leave for Cairo, where they collect the garbage left behind by the city's seven million citizens. After their day's work, they return to Garbage City, bringing the trash back to their homes, sorting out what's useful .... In Muslim countries, there are certain religious restrictions on sifting through refuse, so the inhabitants of Garbage City are either nonreligious or from some Christian heritage .... These are the poorest of the poor—outcasts among outcasts.**

In 1972, a young Egyptian businessman lost his wristwatch, valued at roughly \$11,000. As you can imagine, it would have been unthinkable to have a valuable timepiece returned by a member of Garbage City. Yet, an old garbage man dressed in rags, [found the man's name on the watch] and returned it, saying, "My Christ told me to be honest until death."

Because of the garbage man's act of obedience, the Egyptian businessman later told a reporter, "I didn't know Christ at the time, but I told [the garbage man] that I saw Christ in him. I told [him], 'Because of what you have done and your great example, I will worship the Christ you are worshipping.'"

The [businessman], true to his word, studied the Bible and grew in his faith. Soon, he and his wife began ministering to Egypt's physically and spiritually poor. In 1978, he was ordained by the Coptic Orthodox Church and now leads [a church that meets] outside Garbage City. [Rick James, A Million Ways to Die (David C. Cook, 2010), pp. 14-15; Source: Men of Integrity, "Garbage City" (May/June 2011)]

53. The value of a godly reputation is that it can lead people to God.

## **II. (v.2) A WISE MAN KNOWS THE LORD IS THE CREATOR OF ALL "Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all." (v.2.)**

1. One common question men ask each other when meeting someone is, "What do you do for a living?"
2. Often times a judgment of value or importance is placed on a person because of what they do or what they have or where they live.
3. Proverbs reminds us that regardless of status in life, all are God's creation.
4. The rich come from the same workbench as the poor.
5. Vocation does not determine worth.
6. Wealth does not determine worth.
7. Riches cannot make us into what we are not.
8. We are all part of God's handiwork.
9. Often, we look at the things that separate us instead of the common bond we all share.
10. We are all created by the Master craftsman of the world.
11. Everyone is worthy of respect because we are all created and loved by God who created the world and all that is in it.

**ILLUSTRATION: (\*\*Words on screen) One morning, at our staff devotion and prayer time, Deanna spoke on God's creation. She mentioned the song, "All Things Bright and Beautiful." If you go to the animal park in Winston, you would see a sign with some of the words of the song. The text was written in 1848 by Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander and has been sung to a variety of melodies. I have asked some of our children to sing one version of the song for us today.**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,**

**The Lord God made them all.  
Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.**

12. We all have this in common: we are God's creation.

13. According to much of postmodern teaching, you came into existence by a random choice in a chaotic universe with no design and no designer.

14. According to much of postmodern teaching, you have no inherent value as a human and no significance beyond life on this earth.

15. In reality, we are made by God in His image.

**"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)**

16. Every man is God's masterpiece and workmanship created with purpose.

17. The purpose is discovered through His grace.

18. The Lord is the Maker of us all, and by His grace in Christ, He molds us into His workmanship so we can fulfill His purpose.

**"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)**

19. The Greek word used for workmanship here is used twice in the whole of Scripture.

20. It is the word from which we derive the English word, "poem."

21. It is used in Romans 1:20, where Paul argues that the qualities of God's creation of the world give testimony to God and leave humankind without a claim of ignorance concerning God's existence.

22. Here, God's creative skill has been extended toward God's redeemed so that He might create a poem of revelation in Christ.

23. We are created with the purpose of doing good works.

24. Good works are not the cause of our salvation, for we are saved by grace, but they have a significant place as a consequence of our salvation.

25. God has created us with a purpose, which is to do His good will.

26. We are created by the Lord with the purpose of doing His will, made possible through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**ILLUSTRATION: \* "The mysterious internal combustion called motivation is sustained when you know you are important to a worthy cause." (Roger Thompson)**

27. You are important to God's cause.

### **III. A WISE MAN SEES DANGER AND TAKES REFUGE**

**"A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." (Proverbs 22:3)**

1. One purpose of Proverbs is to make the naïve wary so they will open their eyes and use common sense.

2. This significant proverb appears again in Proverbs 27:12 and points out the difference between a prudent man and one who is not.

3. It calls us to live prudent lives.

4. Proverbs gives several characteristics of the person who is prudent.  
**“A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.” (Proverbs 12:23)**  
**“A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.” (Proverbs 14:15)**  
**“A fool spurns his father’s discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.” (Proverbs 15:5)**
5. The prudent are those with eyes open to see dangers and responds accordingly.
  6. The prudent sees the warning signs of danger.
  7. There are a variety of things in life that we can see warning signs that call for a response.
  8. Health problems like shortness of breath, aches, and pains.
  9. Substance abuse with its growing dependence on drugs and alcohol.
  10. Financial problems with growing debt and no restraint.
  11. Marriage problems with a growing distance between spouses.
  12. They are warning signs that a prudent man sees and responds to with appropriate action.
  13. The person who is not prudent has more of the “let happen what happens” thinking.
  14. The simple person is unwary, uncritical, and credulous; he is not equipped to survive in this world and so blunders into trouble.
  15. The point is that the immature will forge ahead into danger, unlike the wise person.
  16. The prudent or wise person seeing danger takes refuge, but the simple person keeps going ahead and suffers for it, paying the consequences of their lack of action.
  17. Are there some dangers or things going on your marriage, relationship, finances, or other areas of your life?
  18. Are you responding in an appropriate way or are you just moving forward?
  19. The phrase “takes refuge” is in the active voice in the Hebrew, meaning the person takes the initiative to act, while the word “suffer” is in the passive voice, meaning that events happen to a person.
  20. Prudence allows us more control of our own destiny while the simple are more subject to consequences from the outside.
  21. The point is to take the appropriate action.
  22. The action is to take refuge.
  23. Refuge refers to protection or shelter, as from danger or hardship.
  24. It is a source of help, relief, or comfort in times of trouble.
  25. It is a place providing protection or shelter.
- ILLUSTRATION: Johnny Parker tells of a boy who saw a danger and took refuge. He writes, “One time I was eating lunch in the park when a loose dog suddenly started chasing a little boy who was playing near me. That little guy had the look of terror on his face as he raced to his dad. But, once safely behind his dad’s legs, he was the bravest man in town. ‘Get away from me, doggie, or I’ll hurt you!’”**

26. He found a refuge, a place of refuge.

27. There is a Heavenly Father who wants to be our source of refuge.

28. There is a place of safety to go.

**“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”**

**(Deuteronomy 33:27)**

**EXAMPLE:** When Ruth’s husband died, she did not go back to Moab.

Naomi, her mother-in-law, said, “Go back to your people and your gods.”

Ruth was determined, and she said to Naomi, “Your people will be my

people and your God my God.” She chose to serve the God of Israel and

take refuge in Him. Boaz said of Ruth, **“May the Lord repay you for what**

**you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel,**

**under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”** (Ruth 2:12)

**The Palmist said, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in**

**trouble.”** (Psalm 46:1)

**The psalmist said again, “I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my**

**fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”** Psalm 91:2

29. God Himself is our refuge.

30. He is the one that we can go to and find safety in during the times of danger.

31. Are there some things in your life men that you need to do something about?

32. Go to God as your refuge and you will find help and guidance in Him.

**ILLUSTRATION:** Dallas Willard, in his book, *Hearing God*, tells of a time a little child’s mother died. He could not be adequately consoled and continued to be troubled, especially at night. He would come into the room where his father was and ask to sleep with him. He would never rest until he knew not only that he was with his father but that his father’s face was turned toward him. He would ask in the dark, “Dad, is your face turned toward me now?” And, when he was at last assured of this, he was at peace and was able to go to sleep.”

33. God says, “I am right here, son.”

34. “Come to me in times of danger.”

35. God says, “Let me be your source of retreat when you face the dangers of this world.”

**ILLUSTRATION:** As someone wrote, “There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God.”

#### **IV. (v.4) A WISE MAN FOCUSES ON THE THINGS THE LORD VALUES**

**“Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.”**

**(Proverbs 22:4)**

1. In our culture, the focus for many men centers around material things, accomplishment or acknowledgement, and the fun things of life.
2. For the man with godly wisdom, wealth, honor, and life are not the major focus.
3. The focus is rather on humility and the fear of the Lord.
4. These are the qualifications God is looking for.
5. Humility is essential, for one cannot surrender to God without it.

**ILLUSTRATION: \* “God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.” (Martin Luther)**

6. The world says, “Blessed are the self-sufficient,” but God says, “Blessed are the God-dependent.”

7. The world says, “Blessed are those who trust in themselves,” and God says, “Blessed are those who trust in God.”

**ILLUSTRATION: \* “Poverty of spirit is essentially the dethronement of pride.” (William Fitch)**

8. Jesus taught this principle in the beatitudes on the Sermon on the Mount. **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)**

9. The poor in spirit are aware of their spiritual poverty.

10. The poor in spirit are aware of their dependence upon God.

11. Fear of the Lord is giving God the proper place in our lives as Lord.

12. It is a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

13. When these things are in place, they enable the Lord to give true riches.

**“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (II Corinthians 8:9)**

14. When they are in place, they enable the Lord to give true honor and abundant life through Christ.

15. The question for us is, “What do you value?”

**“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)**

16. Do you value the things God values?

**ILLUSTRATION: Leith Anderson recalls words of a widow at her husband’s funeral. The man had died of cancer in his early forties. She talked about the publications he had kept by his chair during the final months of his life. She held up a copy of *Gentleman’s Quarterly* magazine and mentioned all the clothes left in his closet. She showed a catalog of Porsches and referred to the sports car in the garage. One by one, she went through the magazines and books that represented a life of great success. Then she explained that as her husband’s cancer brought him closer to death, the pile of reading material became shorter, until only his Bible and prayer book were left.**

17. Wise is the man who does not wait until the end of his life to discover what is really valuable.

18. Focus on humility and fearing the Lord and let God bring the rest.

## **V. (v.5) A WISE MAN GUARDS HIS SOUL FROM THE PITFALLS**

**“In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.” (Proverbs 22:5)**

1. This proverb points out where thorns and snares are found.

2. They are found in the path of the wicked.

3. Some theologians have suggested that the word “wicked” might better be translated as “perverse or crooked man.”

4. One Bible translation known as Moffat translates, 'On crooked course men step into snares.'
5. Words like deceitful, twisted, and devious, all describe actions and motives of the wicked.
6. The paths of the wicked are blocked with thorns and filled with snares because he has taken the crooked, narrow footpaths tailored to trickery rather than the high moral road.
7. In contrast to the wicked person is the one who guards his soul or life and, in so doing, avoids the snares.
8. The one who guards his soul avoids these paths and, therefore, the thorns and snares found there.
9. The shunning of thorns and snares requires deliberate action.
10. The person who lives wisely intentionally avoids the pitfalls that are part of the way of wicked.

**ILLUSTRATION: As one person commented, \*\*"God is not only a present help in trouble, but a great help in keeping us out of trouble." (Unknown)**

11. Let God keep you out of trouble by keeping you far from the snares of the enemy.

**ILLUSTRATION:\* (Can John redraw and change or get permission for this) Family Circus cartoon by Bill Keane on "...Lead us not into temptation..." The second part of the cartoon said, "but deliver me close enough to evil so I can feel good about walkin' away."**

12. To guard your soul is to take the snares of the enemy seriously enough to stay away from them completely.
13. Wisdom does not say, "Let's see how close we can get to them."
14. Don't live in the gray areas or go into the thorns and snares found on the path of wickedness.
15. The soul and life must be guarded, and this requires stay far from them.
16. Stay away from the pitfalls.

**ILLUSTRATION: "Our son had graduated from 8th grade and would soon be entering high school. He was the first of our children to reach this point in life and I was a novice at giving parental tips concerning the pitfalls lurking in the new environment of higher education. Nevertheless, I sat down with an air of assurance and discussed the experiences and temptations he must be prepared to face in September. I had hoped that our little session had made an impression on him. It had! I overheard him tell his father later, "Well, I'm ready for high school, but I don't think Mom is." (Dana Van Scoy, Oxnard, CA, Christian Reader, "Lite)**

17. Put up a big sign of faith that reads, "No, I am not going there."  
**"Avoid every kind of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:22)**
18. Finances have become a pitfall that have destroyed homes and messed up lives.
19. Young families have found that finances can be a challenging area.

**ILLUSTRATION: A study in *USA Today* centered on what most surprised young adults as they began life on their own. Everything listed centered around finances.**

**High cost of living: 26 percent**

**Difficulty saving money: 22 percent**

**Number of financial decisions: 13 percent**

**Difficulty paying all the bills: 12 percent**

**Challenges finding a job: 10 percent**

**(Michelle Healy and Web Bryant, "Snapshots: Leaving Mom and Dad,"**

**USA Today, based on a Charles Schwab survey of 1,252 young adults, ages 22-28 (conducted by Lieberman Research Worldwide); submitted**

**by Van Morris, Mount Washington, Kentucky)**

20. Financial Peace University is offered to us often to help in this area.

21. Materialism is a trap that needs to be avoided.

22. Pornography is one of the pitfalls that many men have fallen into.

**ILLUSTRATION: We invited the staff from a large church in Grants Pass over for lunch so we could grow in relationships as we do the work of the Lord and learn from each other. One of their pastors talked about his addiction to pornography. He said he has marked 26 years now of being free. But, he spoke about where it leads. 100 percent of serial killers were involved in pornography.**

23. It is a trap that leads to hurt and pain.

**ILLUSTRATION: In December of 2009, the Family Research Council released the results of a new study exploring the effects of pornography on marriage, children, and individuals. The study's use of divorce lawyers was a primary source. Citing the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the study noted that 56 percent of divorce cases involved "one party having an obsessive interest in pornographic websites," while 68 percent of divorce cases involve one spouse conducting an affair with someone they met over the internet. Dr. Pat Fagan of the Family Research Council concluded, "Pornography is 'a quiet family killer.'"**

24. There are all kinds of addictions that are traps or pitfalls that have caught men and led them to great hurt and loss.

25. Alcohol, drugs and gambling are other pitfalls that have caught men.

26. Pitfalls of homosexuality have caused confusion as people have justified their preferences and turned a blind eye and heart to what God says about this sin.

27. Pitfalls are real and men are falling in them every day.

28. The wise man guards his soul by staying away from the pitfalls.

**29. There are some things, men, you just need to stay away from through His power. "To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – "  
**(Jude 24)****

30. God is powerful enough to help you do what He asks you to do.

31. Your soul or life is too valuable to leave defenseless.

32. Guard your soul –find someone who holds you accountable and prays for you.

**VI. (v. 6) A WISE MAN INSTRUCTS IN THE RIGHT WAY TO GO**

**“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)**

**ILLUSTRATION: Socrates said to the people of Athens, “Why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth and take so little care of your children to whom one day you must relinquish all?”**

1. A child is not to be left to themselves, but is to be trained.
2. Be a teacher of children, for what they are taught matters.
3. This is why ministry to young parents and children and our prayer support and investment is so important.
4. God’s Word clearly teaches the responsibility of parents to train their children in God’s way.

**(Deuteronomy 6:6-9) “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”**

5. Fathers are to carry an important part in this role.

**“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)**

6. Fathers, we are responsible to bring children up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
7. Their lives and eternal destiny requires that we teach them the ways of the Lord.
8. Guide children to fulfill the very purpose for which God created them.
9. Proverbs 22:6 is a principle that God has laid down.
10. Many are the reminders, that even the best training cannot instill wisdom, but only encourage the choice to seek it.
11. If children are raised this way, the effects will continue to be felt even into old age.
12. This kind of training leaves a deep an impression
13. The Hebrew verb translated “train” here and elsewhere in the Old Testament conveys the meaning “to dedicate as in the dedication of the Temple by Solomon.”
14. Rooted in this verb is the idea of cultivating, at an early age, an appetite for God.
15. The “way he should go” is God’s way. The way of salvation - The way to a purposeful life.
16. In the Book of Proverbs, there are only two ways a child can go, the way of the wise and the righteous or the way of the fool and the wicked.
17. There is only one right way.

**“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)**

18. We teach on purpose the things that really matter.

19. We teach with words and actions.

**ILLUSTRATION: Raymond Bugg tells this, “A father was one day teaching his little boy what a Christian should be like. When the lesson was finished, the father took a stab that he never forgot. “Father,” asked the boy, “Have I ever seen one?”**

20. Model for your children what you want them to be.

**ILLUSTRATION: History records that Abraham Lincoln was talking to a father who was embarrassed because of his 17 year-old son’s behavior. “Well, there is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel the way yourself.”**

21. Through His power renew our commitment, men, to walk in the right way, the way we should go in Christ.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

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