

# *HomeTouch*

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Sunday, March 26, 2006

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21

***THOUGHT: If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.***

Do you still have your wisdom teeth?

Probably not.

Now, doctors are saying that wisdom teeth should be pulled in young adults, even if there are no signs of disease. Here's the citation:

Retained wisdom teeth (third molars), even those that are asymptomatic and display no current sign of disease, pose an increased risk for chronic oral infectious disease, periodontitis and tooth decay, and should be considered for removal in young adulthood, according to data released from a series of institutional review board approved longitudinal clinical trials conducted under the auspices of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation.

What doctors fear is that if periodontitis (which is a bacterial infection and the major cause of tooth loss) goes untreated, it might provide a "portal" or opening into the blood stream through which other "pathogenic bacteria" or infections might pass.

So, it appears to be a good thing to lose your wisdom teeth.

Not your wisdom. Your wisdom *teeth*. If you lose your wisdom teeth, life goes on; if you lose wisdom, life comes to a crashing halt.

Keeping your wisdom *teeth* may result in infection and disease.

Gaining and keeping wisdom that comes from God will protect you from spiritual infections and disease!

No wonder the writer in Proverbs says, "for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her" (8:11).

***Prayer: Help me, O God, to listen to the voice of wisdom when it speaks to me. Help me to learn wisdom through your word. Amen.***