

STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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CUTTING THROUGH THE CONFUSION



welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We're a group of people who live to follow Jesus and point others to Him. We pray today's worship encourages your heart & strengthens your faith. We encourage you to participate with us as much as you are comfortable.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We offer **Wee Worship** for children ages 2-7 during the sermon & **nursery care** for babies and toddlers. Restrooms located in the main hallway are equipped with changing tables.

CONNECT WITH US

Whether you're a first-time guest or a regular member, **we'd love to know you're here!**
Here are some options:

Text "**Check In**" to **706-278-8051**

Fill out a **CONNECT CARD** (back of seat)

Submit **PRAYER REQUEST** (BLUE card)



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ORDER OF SERVICE

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Call to Worship	Tony Stanley
<i>We Will Glorify</i>	David Byerly
<i>O Worship the King</i>	David Byerly
Prayer	Larry Cole
<i>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</i>	David Byerly
Prepare For Communion	
<i>I Stand Amazed</i>	David Byerly
Communion Prayers	Mel Sane
<i>I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy</i>	Ross Jordan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture: Proverbs 1:8-19	Leslie Waycaster
<i>His Grace Reaches Me</i>	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
<i>Who At The Door Is Standing</i>	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	Steve Griggs
<i>I've Been Redeemed</i>	Ross Jordan
Closing Prayer	Tim Nelsen

Greeters

Leigh Griggs & Jane Cherry, Nathan & Beth Bennett

Nursery Attendants

Shelia Baker & Virginia Ensley

Wee Worship

Amy Harrison & Rachel Kirkland, Jeff & Libby Brown

Serve Communion in October

K. Bryant, M. Stanley, N. Robinson, C. Pendley,
P. Goble, D. Kittle, N. Gwinn, B. Holloway

scripture

PROVERBS 1:8 - 19, NKJV

“My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. If they say, “Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit; We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil; Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse”— My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path; For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood. Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird; But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.”

MEMORY VERSE

Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble.
(Proverbs 13:20, NLT)

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.
Tyndale House Publishers. Holy Bible: New Living
Translation. Tyndale House Publishers, 2015.

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STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Influence is inevitable (Prov. 1:8).** From family to friends to media to mentors, someone/thing is _____ your thoughts and values.
- **Influence happens by proximity (Prov. 13:20).** The more time we spend around people the greater likelihood their _____ will rub off on us.
- **Influence isn't always passive (Prov. 19:20).** You cannot control every voice you hear, but you can learn to _____ which ones you trust.

WHAT YOU NEED TO AVOID

- **Destructive people (Prov. 1:10-11).** The wrong people will invite you to _____ your convictions.
- **Destructive paths (Prov. 1:15-16).** Once you step onto the wrong path, _____ makes it hard to stop.
- **Destructive positions (Prov. 1:19).** Life is full of pursuits that look rewarding but ultimately _____ your life.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- **Chose** voices that draw you _____ to God instead of push you away from Him (Prov. 12:26).
- **Seek** godly counsel from people who have your best interest in mind and _____ them to speak into your life (Prov, 11:14: 20:18).
- **Listen** to the Father, heed His word, and _____ Him to silence the competing voices in your life (Prov. 1:7; 3:5-6).

LIFE IS SHAPED BY THE VOICES WE FOLLOW.

(1) Whose voices are you listening to?

Take 30 seconds. Look at your playlist or newsfeed. Ask yourself, are these voices helping me grow closer to God? No judgment. Just reflection.

(2) Who is speaking into your life?

Do you have a godly person who is helping you grow and stay grounded? Do you want someone like that? Let's ask God to bring those voices into your life.

(3) What noise needs to be silenced?

Do you feel surrounded by constant competing voices? Are you unsure of God's will for your life? Let us pray and ask God to quiet the noise.

STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WHO AM I LISTENING TO?

Influence is Inevitable (Proverbs 1:8-9)

How does the writer describe the value of a parent's instruction? How much impact is that teaching meant to have on someone's life?

Influence Is About Proximity (Proverbs 13:20)

What are the two outcomes described for those who walk with the wise versus those who associate with fools? Why might this proverb still hold true today?

Choose Your Counsel Wisely (Proverbs 12:26; 11:14)

What role does guidance or counsel play in the way of the righteous? Who is currently speaking wisdom into your life?

Avoid Destructive Voices (Proverbs 1:10-11, 15-16)

What warnings are given about the intentions and paths of sinners? Are there influences in your life that would do well to step away from?

The End of the Path (Proverbs 1:19)

How does the text describe the outcome of a life driven by selfish ambition? How would you define selfish ambition, and why do you think it's considered so destructive in this verse?

next steps

THANKS FOR COMING TODAY

We believe God has more in store for your life and want to help you take your next step in the right direction. Here are a few options to consider:

CONNECT

- Join us for worship again next Sunday
- Start a Bible reading plan (we have 3 options)
- Connect with us @ the Welcome Center

GROW

- Stay for small group Bible study after worship
- Ask about upcoming classes or Bible studies
- Share what you're learning with someone

SERVE

- Use your gifts to make a difference
- Talk to a ministry leader about opportunities
- Pray for your “One More” everyday this week



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Food & Clothing on Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM - 12 PM

Meal on Wednesday @ 5:45 PM