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Wisdom to Love Well - Jan. 10, 2016

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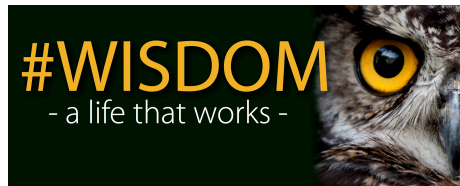
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Wisdom to Love Well

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
January 10, 2016



We've got this gift of love, but love is like a precious plant. You can't just accept it and leave it in the cupboard or just think it's going to get on by itself. You've got to keep watering it. You've got to really look after it and nurture it. John Lennon

Proverbs 3:3-4 "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. ⁴Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."

"Loyalty"

"Kindness" (*hesed*)

Big Idea: To love well we need to embrace kindness, loyalty, and forgiveness.

Choose to be kind:

Proverbs 11:17 Your own soul is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel. TLB

Proverbs 11:25

Proverbs 14:21

Choose to be loyal:

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."

Proverbs 19:22

Proverbs 20:6

Choose to forgive:

Proverbs 17:9 "Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends."

Proverbs 18:19

Putting it into Practice:

1) Practice Kindness, Loyalty, and Forgiveness.

2) Proverbs Challenge.

Titus 3:4-8 Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴ But—When God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. ⁷ Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT) and the Living Bible (TLB).