

WORD OF THE YEAR 2024

WISDOM

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So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

MATTHEW 20:16 (NIV)

- Your G R O W T H is our G O A L
- PROGRESS not PERFECTION

THREE LIFE ISSUES

- 1 Who am I = I D E N T I T Y
- 2 Do I matter = I M P O R T A N C E
- 3 What is my place in life = I M P A C T

You (God) made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb... You were there while I was being formed... You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe.

PSALM 139:13-16 (LB)

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God <u>prepared in advance</u> for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV84)

(God's) hands formed me and shaped me.

JOB 10:8 (GN)

I. GETTING IN SHAPE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

...Each of you has <u>your own gift from God</u>; one has this gift, another has that.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:7 (NIV)

*Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4

HEART

Above all else, guard your <u>heart, for everything you do</u> flows from it.

PROVERBS 4:23(NIV)

ABILITIES

God has given each of us the <u>ability</u> to do certain things well...

ROMANS 12:6 (LB)

PERSONALITY

...God works through different (people) in different ways...

1 CORINTHIANS 12:6 (PH)

EXPERIENCES

...All that happens to us is working for <u>our good</u> if we love God...

ROMANS 8:28 (LB)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45 (NLT)

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

JOHN 10:10 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 (NIV)

II. HEALTH AND SERVICE

- You are Shaped to S E R V E
- Exponential I N C R E A S E in Health and Well-Being

This is why I remind you to keep using the gift God gave you... let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6 (NCV)

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them <u>to help each other</u>, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings...

1 PETER 4:10 (LB)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Psalm 139 beautifully describes how intricately and purposefully we are made by God. How does the knowledge that God knows us intimately and values us deeply impact our sense of significance and worth in the world?
- 2 Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God has plans for us, plans to prosper and not to harm us. How does knowing that God has a purpose for each of us affect the way we approach our daily lives, decisions, and relationships?
- 3 Romans 8:16-17 speaks of our identity as children of God and heirs with Christ. How does our adoption into God's family reshape our understanding of identity, and how does it impact the way we live out our faith in practical terms?
- 4 Matthew 10:29-31 talks about God's care for even the smallest details of our lives, highlighting the value He places on us. How can this awareness of God's attention to the details of our lives affect our daily living and interactions with others, reinforcing our sense of importance?
- 5 How can we be praying for you this week?



Upcoming Events

02.03 | Galentines Women's Brunch

02.07 | Men's Ministry:

Wednesday Nite Wisdom

02.05 | Small Groups Spring Kick-Off

02.11 | Baptisms

Super Bowl Sunday