



THE WAY OF THE WISE

For the week of April 7, 2023 Series: Walking Wise - Week 1

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REVIEW

This week we launched our new series "Walking Wise" where we explore practical ways we can be wise from the book of Proverbs. Pastor Trevor preached on the importance of fearing God as the starting point for wisdom; highlighting that fearing the Lord isn't about anxiety but a deep respect for his commands and who HE is. We learned that we need to seek wisdom and be aware of where we we are seeking wisdom from and finally, we need to applying wisdom; not just knowing what to do but putting it into action.

MY STORY

1. Pastor Trevor shared a story from when he was little where he thought his wisdom was better than his dad's wisdom which led his little brother to cutting his leg with an axe. Share a time when you thought your wisdom was better than your parents, guardians or elders and what ended up happening.

2. What does it mean to have wisdom and fear the Lord?

3. Social media, movies, TV shows, celebrities, Tara cards, and the internet are some of the ways people seek wisdom. Where do you look for wisdom? Do you need to change where you are looking?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Luke 16:1-13

1. Read 1 Kings 3:1-12 and Proverbs 9:10. Why do you think that this is the beginning of wisdom?

2. Read James 1:22-25. How can we move from simply "listening" to "doing" what God's wisdom says?

3. What are some of the things that prevent us from doing the things that God is asking us to do?

4. Read Proverbs 16:20. Pastor Trevor gave the example of having wisdom and never using it just like having a seatbelt and not using it. How can we prosper from putting wisdom into action?

5. If we know good things come from seeking wisdom and our lives benefit by taking action on it, why don't know do so more often?

TAKE IT HOME

1. Is there a situation in your life right now that you need God's wisdom? What steps do you need to take this week to seek wisdom?

2. The book of Proverbs opens up by telling us the purpose of it's writings in Chapter 1:1-7 tells us that:

"Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

How can we take what Proverbs has to say about wisdom and apply it to our lives?

3. Join in as we read through the book of Proverbs as a church.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

James 1:5 NIV

PRAYER

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