

Chapter 1 : Proverbs I will guide you in the way of wisdom; I will lead you on straight paths.

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What does it look like to walk as a wise man or woman? Today I am sharing with you 5 ways to walk in wisdom: Emotions rise up quickly and change with the wind. What we feel cannot be trusted because our emotions are not always trustworthy. We are constantly bombarded with what we should believe. We are told whatever we perceive to be true is true. The world and its self-proclaimed wisdom, is nothing but empty promises. There is no truth, no wisdom in the things we hear from the world. Remember the world lies in the power of the god of this world, the devil 1 John 5: Yet the Bible written over 2, years ago does not change. Its message is still the same, because the Author is still the same He is the same yesterday today and forever. Walk Close With Jesus I believe this is the most important step in walking in wisdom. Walking closely with Jesus is an attitude of the heart, not just an outward action. Walking with Jesus involves Bible Study and prayer, but Bible Study and prayer do not equate to being surrendered to and following Jesus. Jesus is the source of all wisdom. He is wisdom in His very nature. These people are those who are walking with Jesus, diving into His Word, following His commands. Invite these people into your life; ask them to speak into you. Wise people invite wise and godly counsel into their lives. Be Obedient Scripture is full of things we already know to walk in obediently. Psalm beautifully describes not just obeying the Word, but a heart surrendered and delighting in the Word. He has written down His way of life for us to follow. Do you delight in His Word? Ashlee is a native New Mexican. She is the wife of a College Minister, a student ministry leader, and has been involved with Transform Student Ministries for 14 years. She seeks to be a disciple of God and His Word as well as a disciple-maker. She is striving to walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel and to seek the favor of God not men.

Chapter 2 : Colossians Act wisely toward outsiders, redeeming the time.

"Walk in the Ways of Wisdom invites readers into a politically engaged, ethically attuned, and theoretically sensitive interpretive world. This is a world where ancient Christian biblical and extrabiblical texts enter into absorbing conversation with the pressing concerns of modernity and postmodernity.

Proverbs 9- Walk the Way of Wisdom John 6: She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. Walk in the Way of Wisdom Life is like a long road stretched out before you. There is only one way to go that leads to heaven. But there are plenty of wrong ways which lead elsewhere. And more often than not, we are far more familiar with all the wrong ways. Today, we are encouraged to leave our foolish sins behind us and walk in the way of wisdom. Solomon, the author of many of the proverbs, envisions Wisdom as a lady who opens her large home to guests that they might partake of her banquet. This picture, of course, ties in nicely with the picture Jesus uses in the Gospel. A banquet is laid out before us. We are to eat of the Bread of Life, of this banquet of spiritual food prepared for us by God. Christian wisdom urges us to do so. Come and eat of the meal I have prepared. Leave your simple ways behind and walk the way of wisdom. We know Jesus Christ. Throughout the book of Proverbs, Solomon pits Wisdom against Folly. This contrast is found throughout Scripture- wise and unwise, faith and unbelief, life and death. In Ephesians 5, Paul sets up the contrast between the wise and the unwise. In the Gospel lesson, we see an example of people who were simple. They could not understand spiritual matters. Nor was this about communion. He was speaking of a spiritual eating to refresh the soul, taking in his teaching, knowing his Word and finding Life in that Word. Again, there is only one way to heaven. There are plenty of paths away from heaven. The way that leads to heaven is the way of wisdom. Any other path, no matter how nice it is, if it leads away from God, it is a path of sin. It is a path for the Simple. But should we include ourselves in the Simple? We do know that Jesus is our savior from sin. But, sticking with that picture of walking on path, there are plenty of ways to get off the One Way and on to a different path Today you are at a crossroad. You can see the One Way sign and fifty other streets going all other directions. Every day you come to a crossroad just like this one. The question is, which way to go? There are some paths that are obviously wrong. There is the path of the murderer. But have you stolen time from work by slacking off? Have you stolen time from loved ones by ignoring their needs? I believe in the one, true God. Have you walked the path of the idolater? There seems to be a trend here. In spite of our best intentions, dear Christian friends, the devil, the world and our sinful self will do anything and everything to veer us off the One Way and on to any other path. Some of these paths only start off just a little bit off the One Way. But to continue on that path is to slowly drift away from the One Way. Then there are the paths of sin that are very clearly marked out as wrong. There are those paths of secret sins that are only known to you and God. Because apart from Christ, there is no hope of heaven. You will not find Life outside of Jesus. These are the foolish ways that we are encouraged to leave behind. It is a struggle to stay on the one Way that leads to heaven. In fact, it is impossible on our own. God not only invites us to walk in the way of Wisdom. He sets us on that path. In Proverbs, this is shown in the imagery of an open invitation to come to a banquet, to eat and find Wisdom. None of us would. God the Father sent his Son into the world to make the Simple wise for salvation. Christ came to show all people that he is the person that gives eternal life. Our sins were pathways that all led away from God, towards hell. But God brought us to faith in Christ where we find new grace and forgiveness in richest measure day by day. God has done this all for us by his grace. And day by day, in His grace, he continually guides and directs us, even setting us back on the One Way to ensure that we will live, truly live, forever in heaven. As Jesus explains in the Gospel, this eternal life becomes ours through faith in his saving work on the cross. We know that faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. God invites us to come, to believe, and to be wise for salvation. Friends, you know this truth. As you walk through life, you are walking the way of wisdom. I wish to encourage you to continue walking the way of wisdom and to leave all foolish sins behind. Easier said than done though, right? First and foremost, God has placed you on the One Way. You can be sure you are the One Way by answering this

question. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only savior from sin? If you answered yes, then you are on the One Way. You know this truth because God convinced you of this truth in His Word. Now, with that in mind, you can have an easier time dealing with the temptations to fall off the One Way and take a different path. You have the Word. The Word is a lamp to your feet and a light for your path. We walk in Wisdom then, when we are guided by the Word. And every Sunday you grow wiser and wiser, assured that you are on the right way, the One Way to heaven. Take advantage of the opportunity to grow in wisdom through the weekly Bible Study right after worship. It is my intent, during my time with you, to make additional Bible Study opportunities available to you. Sunday School is just around the corner. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have fun and to grow in wisdom. And now you are on the one way to heaven. Take five, ten minutes a night, maybe after dinner when everyone is around table and have a devotion. God extends that open invitation to you to come and eat of the banquet laid out for you in his Word. Dear friends, life is like road. There are any number of paths that lead away from Life. But Christ is the one Way. In Christ, God took you off the paths of sin that led to hell and placed you on the One Way that leads to heaven. You are no longer Simple. You know you are saved by Christ. And now you are walking in this One Way to heaven. Therefore continue to walk this way of wisdom, continue to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, your savior from sin.

Chapter 3 : Trinity Talk: Sermons of Pastor Haasch: Proverbs 9- Walk the Way of Wisdom

Walking In The Way Of Wisdom In the Bible there is a section of books referred to as "Wisdom Literature." These books include Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and certain of the Psalms, like Psalms 1, 19, 37, , and

Do not let go. It must be easy to forget about wisdom, or to turn away from it. We are to value wisdom, but that must not be our natural inclination. It is not just anything in life that we prize, embrace, love, hold onto. Wisdom is truly so valuable in our lives, and yet the writer tells us many times over to value it. Why would he say that if we were valuing what is valuable? But the truth is that we are often NOT inclined to prize wisdom as we should. We have to reverse our natural inclinations and intentionally seek and prize wisdom. We have a choice whether or not to walk in the way of evil. There is a clear "path of the wicked. Read this passage selected verses from Proverbs 4: I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. I have that verse- Proverbs 4: Consider people who have walked the path you are walking. Where does it lead? Are you walking in the way that they walked?

Charles Stanley cuts through the mystique of wisdom and presents God's simple plan to bless those who walk in His ways. In Walking Wisely, best-selling author Dr. Charles Stanley reveals this simple fact: there are only two ways to journey through life wisely or unwisely.

Adverb from ek; out -side, of doors , literally or figuratively. From ek and agorazo; to buy up, i. Ransom; figuratively, to rescue from loss. The, the definite article. Including the feminine he, and the neuter to in all their inflections; the definite article; the. Fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time. Of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i. Set or proper time. There the "strictness" and "wisdom" are to guard against excess or recklessness within; here the "wisdom" is to watch against external dangers and make full use of external opportunities. Pulpit Commentary Verse 5. On "wisdom," see Colossians 1: From a different point of view, they are designated" the rest" in Ephesians 2: This injunction appears in a different form and position in Ephesians. Buying up each literally, the opportunity Ephesians 5: The verb is middle in voice: The opportunity is the fit time for each step of a well-conducted walk, the precise juncture of circumstances which must be seized at once or it is gone. This wary promptitude is always needful in dealing with men of the world, both to avoid harm from them and in seeking to do them good. The latter thought, it may be, connects this verse and the next. Matthew Henry Commentary 4: The people are to pray particularly for their ministers. Believers are exhorted to right conduct towards unbelievers. Be careful in all converse with them, to do them good, and recommend religion by all fit means. Diligence in redeeming time, commends religion to the good opinion of others. Even what is only carelessness may cause a lasting prejudice against the truth. Let all discourse be discreet and seasonable, as becomes Christians. Though it be not always of grace, it must always be with grace. Though our discourse be of that which is common, yet it must be in a Christian manner. Grace is the salt which seasons our discourse, and keeps it from corrupting. It is not enough to answer what is asked, unless we answer aright also.

Chapter 5 : 5 Ways to Walk In Wisdom-Transform

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Tweet The great thing about getting older is that it requires so little effort. Yes, it is true that I have just celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of my thirty-ninth birthday without too much effort, but the most surprising thing about getting older is that I feel so young. When people talk about arriving at a milestone birthday, I believe everyday one is alive is a milestone birthday. Among the many funeral directors that I have met over the years, the wisdom of life boils down to: Wisdom, like age, can and often does come at a price, but the price is worth it. Wisdom does not necessarily come with longevity, but most wise people I have met seem to be up in years. My mother was ninety-eight when she died and had, for the most part, her wits about her right up to the end. Her sense of humor was a delight and her willingness not to hold grudges seemed to keep her young and wise. I have lasting memories of him sitting in our family kitchen, drinking a Grain Belt Premium, smoking an Old Gold cigarette while listening to the Minneapolis Millers on the radio. Even after the Millers morphed into the Twins and were televised, he preferred the kitchen radio broadcasts and the imaginative process of "hearing the action. Not a bad metaphor for life. I have always admired people who could accept defeat as well as victory. They seemed so realistic and wise. Perhaps defeat is really the basis for gaining real wisdom, and, ultimately the secret of life. I recently stopped by one of the local parks to watch a little league baseball game and, of course to finish eating my Dairy Queen ice cream cone baby size, only. I felt badly for the players when their coach yelled at them for missing fly balls or when they struck out. At one point he called them, "A bunch of losers and not worth coaching. Wisdom can be elusive and just plain absent in some adults. Win or lose, all of us are invited to keep on living, picking ourselves up with the help of friends and family and, with the grace of God, learning from our mistakes. This anthropomorphic literary device was a helpful way of humanizing the intervention of God into our world. The prudent Lady Wisdom would be pitted against the impudent Lady Folly. Where Lady Gaga fit into this dichotomy, remains uncertain. Lady Wisdom calls to us and says: Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight" Proverbs 9: The invitation to wisdom is found in listening to God and in recognizing that we have the freedom to live until we die or die prematurely, because we were afraid to live. Based upon a willingness to put aside our immaturity and self-indulgent behaviors, metaphorically we have the power to dine with Lady Wisdom and "eat and drink of the wine" she offers. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever. The Book is filled with "wisdom thinking" and offers practical invitations to right prudent living. In trying to avoid magical thinking, The Book of Proverbs invites the reader into genuine discernment in pursuit of Lady Wisdom. Predicated upon the assumption that God Jesus would take away our sins and not our brains, human beings are given the freedom of choice to move from temptation to transformation, from folly to wisdom, from sinfulness to conversion without compromising their rationality. Searching for wisdom does require a divestment of alluring entrapments promising quick fixes for complex problems. In many ways the contemporary Serenity Prayer of Alcoholics Anonymous has become a standard bearer for millions of individuals seeking the wisdom of making right choices. Learning to accept what one cannot change and discovering the power to change what one can does require the wisdom to know the difference. Removing the insidious factor of "denial" from the equation, human beings can relinquish Lady Folly from their dance cards and pursue Lady Wisdom. Ginger Rogers and her dance partner Fred Astaire remain the most famous dancing partners in movie history. When asked how it was to dance with Fred she replied: I do everything that Fred does, but I get to do it in high heels and backwards! I have room for one more on my card. In the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5: Do not be foolish and get drunk from wine, for that is debauchery. Rather, be filled with the Spirit singing and making music to the Lord in your hearts. Putting aside immaturity and living in the way of insight is to achieve the wisdom of serenity. It is interesting to note that all of us are getting older as we gather in community for Eucharist. It is my assumption, however, that we are also getting wiser in our pursuit of understanding Jesus as the bread of life that has come down from heaven. Opening our imaginations and

hearts to receive the wisdom of God must become a lifetime pursuit, regardless of age. Lay aside immaturity, and live and walk in the way of insight.

Chapter 6 : Knowledge and Wisdom Will Help Keep You Safe

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Chapter 8 : Making Home: How Do We Walk in the Way of Wisdom?

You cannot walk in wisdom without obeying God's Word. Ashlee is a native New Mexican. She is the wife of a College Minister, a student ministry leader, and has been involved with Transform Student Ministries for 14 years.

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I love Proverbs. Whenever I can, I like to read the Proverb for the day of the month, like I recently did with Proverbs 4 on the 4th. Again and again, Proverbs 4 reminds us of the importance of seeking wisdom & letting it inform not only our THINKING but our CHOICES-- the way we walk.