

I grew up going to church. I can remember one morning in Sunday school my friend dared me to stick a paper clip in the electric outlet. I was old enough to know better, probably late middle school. But it was a dare, I had to do it. I leaned over, barely stuck the end of it in the outlet and there it went. I got a nice little shock. The face-plate of the outlet was burnt and the breaker tripped for that wing of the church. It could have been worse. I knew what was going happen if I did it but didn't have the wisdom not to. Having a lot of knowledge is knowing facts. Wisdom is knowing how to apply that knowledge.

So as we continue with YOTB, we will be looking at Proverbs this morning. Its a book filled with wisdom and advice. So where does wisdom come from? I knew the facts about what would happen when that paperclip touched the outlet. I studied science in school. Wisdom however is not found in a text book. Real wisdom is found in this book (hold up Bible). The first thing I want you to see is that real wisdom is found in the word, not the world. Lets look at Proverbs 2:6

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding another translation is “All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do common sense and understanding”

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you

Not just in Proverbs, but in the entire bible we can find scripture to help us with problems and to guide us through wherever life takes us. Seems easy enough right. I struggle with this though. I think a lot of Christians do. To often will I call one of my buddies, maybe even my pastor when I need advice for a situation. I'm not saying don't go to your pastor for advice. I'm saying that the first place we should go is to the word. We need to be in the word, be in prayer, asking God for His wisdom and His direction. I think we've really embraced this idea as a church over the last year or so as we look to transition to the property. I can tell you that in our deacons meetings and our joint meetings we have prayed for God's discernment and his will, not our own.

So we've seen where wisdom comes from. Now lets look at how we can apply it to our lives. We don't have time to go through the whole book of Proverbs this morning but as you go through it during your reading I hope you see that there is advice for a variety situations in life. It touches on raising children, finances, marriage, work life, dealing with neighbors, how our character should be to name a few. What stood out to me the most was Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 3:5-6 [5] Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; [6] in all your ways submit to Him , and He will direct your paths

Proverbs 3:5 is a verse you've probably heard probably heard a lot or even memorized. But its what God has laid on my heart this morning. I wanted to do a simple fathers day message with some biblical advice on raising children and being a father but this is where I found myself being led several times. We cant apply the wisdom of God to our lives until we put all our trust in God and submit every part of our lives to Him. **The wisest decision we can make is to fully trust in God .** That's true wisdom. Getting to a point when you have know idea what to do but you are going to trust God and His way, not

your own. That's the second point in our notes.

In order to apply the wisdom of God to our lives we need to fully trust in God. We might get a lot of things right in this life but if we fail to do this we've gotten everything wrong. We need to trust God with all our hearts. Proverbs 3:6 tells us in all our ways to submit to Him. That means every part of your life. I'm guilty of this. God you can have me control over my family but work is going pretty good now I think I've got this one. God I'll give my tithes every week but my personal time is off the table. That's not how it works. We might be a success by the worlds standards but if we aren't willing to fully trust God then we have failed. I might discipline my children and raise them to be well mannered and respectful but if I'm not there to disciple them and pray for them then I've failed. I might have a good marriage and really love my wife but if I don't pray for her and lead a lifestyle that honors Christ and trust God to be the center of our marriage then I've failed. I might have a good job, be very wealthy and have no financial worries but if I don't give a portion of that back to my church and trust God to provide then I've failed. We apply the wisdom of God to our lives by fully trusting in Him.

Last thing on your notes. The proverbs are not promises. They should be taken as advice not promises from God. The authors wrote them based on trends and principals they have observed during their life. Wise readers read Proverbs wisely. God doesn't promise us we will be rich if we work hard, He doesn't promise us that we won't have problems in this life if we follow the advice given in this book. Let's look back at Proverbs 3:6

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He promises us that He will direct our paths if submit to Him and fully trust in Him. No matter what we face in life, good or bad, if we place our trust and faith in God then He will guide us, lead us, and give us the wisdom we need. **The wisest decision we can make is to fully trust in God.** I never thought He would direct me back up here speaking a second time but here I am. I'm trusting that God will use me to be a blessing to you this morning. I'm trusting that someone hear this morning needed to hear this message.

So how do we fully trust in God? For us as believers its being in the word, being in prayer, and giving to God whatever it is we have been holding onto that we think we have control over. Maybe you're here this morning and you don't know how to trust in God because you don't have relationship with Him. You're wondering where to start. Start at the cross. The cross of Jesus Christ. God in His infinite wisdom knew that we couldn't live up to His standards. We are enslaved to sin, it's our human nature and it's our sin that separates us from God. But His love is so great for us that He sent His son Jesus to die on that cross for us. To take a punishment meant for us. To pay the price we couldn't pay on our own. And not only did He die for us, he rose again, He conquered death and sin so that we could have a relationship with God. If we truly believe this in our hearts then all we have to do is ask forgiveness for our sins and to trust Him with our life. This is truly the wisest decision we could ever make.

As our praise team comes, If your here this morning and are ready to put your trust in Jesus, ready for that intimate relationship with God, then I encourage to come and let either myself or one of our other deacons pray with you this morning. If you would rather stay right where you are it's as simple confessing that you are a sinner, asking forgiveness and choosing to follow Jesus. Its as easy saying God, I know that I'm sinner, please forgive me for my sins. I believe in my heart that Jesus died and rose again so that I could have a relationship with you. I want to trust Him as my Savior and and follow Him. Guide my life and help me to live for you. You can say that prayer right where you are at. If your here this morning and seeking a type of wisdom that surpasses all understanding, ready to fully

trust in God, ready to let go of whatever it is you're holding onto and ask Him to give you wisdom and direct you in all paths, I encourage you come lay it the feet of Jesus this morning. **The wisest decision we can make is to fully trust in God.**