

Wisdom for Life – Proverbs: Wisdom for Life.

Proverbs 1:8-33

Sunday: 09/08/24 – Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

Amid competing voices, heed the voice of wisdom to beautify your life and avoid calamity.

Overview

This week, Pastor Lenard guided us through the rest of Proverbs 1. In this passage, we see a clear contrast between the enticing calls of sinners and the wise voices of our parents and Wisdom herself. The sinners in this passage represent the many deceptive voices vying for our attention, offering empty promises of acceptance, power, and gain. We are urged to listen to the voices of authority in our lives, particularly those of our parents. Wisdom calls out, warning us of the consequences of embracing sinful foolishness, but also reminding us of the blessings that come to those who follow her guidance. We learned that the warnings from Wisdom require immediate action. We should not wait to act on God's wisdom—if we do wait, it may be too late.

Passage Outline

1. Heed the loving instruction: *1 Peter 3:3-4*
2. Beware of competing voices:
 - I. Community and acceptance
 - II. Thrill of power
 - III. Prospect of gain
3. Consider the bad outcomes: *Psalms 1:1*
4. Receive the voice of Wisdom
 - I. The call to listen to wisdom (20-21): *Matthew 7:13-14*
 - II. The consequences of not listening to wisdom (24-31)
 - III. The responses to wisdom (32-33): *1 Corinthians 1:30, Matthew 7:24*

Discussion Questions

- I. The main idea of the message focuses on competing voices in our lives.
 - a. What are the competing voices in your life? (and your children's lives?)
 - b. Where are we receiving these voices?
 - c. What are the primary messages of these voices?
- II. From the passage how would you describe a person who is walking with wisdom.
 - a. What are warning signs that biblical wisdom is not being heeded?
- III. How does this passage speak to humility and personal responsibility?
 - a. What voices do you need to turn away from in your life? Practically, what will you do to reject these voices?
 - b. What voices can you seek to listen to (be specific)?
- IV. Did anything else stand out in the sermon?