Victory Connect Lesson Proverbs: The Path of Wisdom Pastor Paul Daugherty May 7, 2023

Key Verse:

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1. The path of wisdom or the (wicked) path of folly?

[Pro 4:11, 14 NKJV] 11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in **right paths**. ... 14 Do not enter the **path of the wicked**, And do not walk in the way of evil.

2. Wisdom cries out at life's intersections.

[Pro 1:20 KJV] 20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets.

3. Benefits of wisdom found in Proverbs:

a. Protection b. Physical health c. Life of fulfillment d. Good reputation e. Sound Sleep f. Healthy families

4. The fear of man is a trap to be avoided.

[Pro 29:25 KJV] 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Three ways to walk in the path of wisdom:

1. Renew your mind to the Word of God.

[Rom 12:2 KJV] 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2. Trust fully in God's love and validation for you.

[Pro 3:5-6 KJV] 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

3. Walk in the fear of the Lord.

[Pro 9:10 KJV] 10 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy [is] understanding.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have the opinions of others ever distracted you?
- 2. Share a time you heard the "siren" of wisdom?
- 3. Have you opened the gift of Godly wisdom?

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