

Today's Man: Applying God's Truth

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Proverbs Chapter 9

“Where's Wisdom?”

Wisdom is not a state of being, or a destination at which one finally arrives; rather, it is bread for the journey – a companion for one's pilgrim walk.

“Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out its seven pillars. 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, “Let all who are simple come in here!” She says to those who lack judgment. “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.”

“Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph. 5:1-2

...For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; **walk as children of light** (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord... Eph. 5:8-10

...**Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise**, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is... Eph. 5:15-17

SUMMARY:

The Scriptures today call us to listen to the voice of wisdom, a striking reminder that the essence of our living for God is listening. Too often we eagerly rush into our worship with a list of needs for God to address and a litany of ideas to run by God for approval. We forget to listen. When you gather to worship God – even during this short time that we have together – may there be silences in which we listen to what the Holy Spirit says to us.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

What does it mean to walk in love?

What does it mean to walk as children of light?

What does it mean to walk as wise, not unwise? :

APPLICATION:

We are offered choices as we journey through life. We can choose instruction or remain in ignorance. We can pursue light or remain in darkness. We can be enriched with wisdom or be impoverished with pride. We can listen and learn, or speak and be unknowing. As a people who call ourselves ‘Christians’ we have committed to be followers of His way and to walk in the paths of righteousness. Let's equip ourselves for the journey, enabling us when we tire and empowering us when we are weak.

ON YOUR OWN...

Ephesians 5

Matthew 22:2-10

Isaiah 55:1-5

John 6:35

Read Proverbs Chapter 10 for next week