

# WORDS OF WISDOM







# Week of February 4th, 2024

## WALK THIS WAY

*Proverbs 13:20*

**Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette**

### ICEBREAKER



Who is the one friend in your life that has been with you the longest? Why are you keeping them around?

#### Introduction

- Proverb 13.20 - "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."  
Explain a time where this has held true in your life.
- POSITIVE or NEGATIVE, people have influence on us, and a LOT OF PEOPLE have a LOT OF INFLUENCE on us! Who are the top 3 people that have influence in your life? And why?
- What are some practical ways to check if the people around you are influencing you towards Jesus or pulling you away?

#### We Must Choose Wisely...Very Wisely


- What are the characteristics of the people you want to be influenced by?
- Pastor Mike mentioned wisdom is "knowledge on foot". Wisdom is the ability to APPLY what you have KNOWLEDGE of. Explain the difference between biblical wisdom and biblical knowledge?
- Read James 1:5. What areas do you think you have knowledge, but don't have wisdom. What areas have you been asking God for wisdom in?



## **Avoid the Pain of Foolish People**

- What have unhealthy relationships led you to compromise? What are some current compromises you think might be the results of your relationships?
- 1 Cor. 15:33 reads, “Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Pastor Mike said We lie about the power of influences on our lives. Is there anyone previously or currently that you lied to yourself about their influence?
- Pastor Mike encouraged us to be the gatekeepers of our home. What behaviors and customs of the world are you gatekeeping your family from?
- What behaviors and customs of the world do you still copy?

## **How to “Walk This Way”**

- Pastor Mike gave some tips on how to be wise and avoid foolish people.
    - Walk with the wise:
      - Fully devote to Jesus
      - Commit to the Lord’s church
      - Join a small group
      - Invite a mentor into your life
    - Avoid the pain of fools:
      - Repent of sin and sinful influences
      - Purge your life of toxic relationships
      - Parent your kids in this
  - Which of these things do you feel like you do well and which do you feel challenged in?
  - Do you have a mentor in your life?
  - Are there any people whose influence needs to be cut off and then moved to your prayer list?
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# ACT ON IT



## ENCOURAGE

If we walk with Jesus, He will lead us to walk with those who also walk with Him. Choosing to walk with Jesus means choosing to walk with the One who has the ultimate wisdom and knowledge. What better person to be in your friend group!!!!



## ASK

Who could hold you accountable to this this week and who could you hold accountable? If you do not have a mentor or mentee, why? And who is God putting on your heart?



## CHALLENGE

Pastor Mike challenged us to read a Proverb a day to add to our personal devotion time daily. Take the time and reflect on who you surround yourself with and ask God to reveal the areas you need to become more wise in. Seek God for the wisdom of Him and not just knowledge.

# PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for Your never ending love and wisdom. We thank you for this message today and we pray that we take Your words and apply them. Holy Spirit, lead us to your wisdom and discernment in choosing who is around us. We ask that You remove who is not supposed to be there and allow open doors for your children to come in my life. We love you and we thank you for Your goodness, peace, and guidance. In Jesus name, Amen!