

# WORDS OF WISDOM





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# WORDS OF WISDOM: FOLLOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF GOD

*Proverbs 4:14-15*

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## ICEBREAKER



What fashion trend are you really happy went out of style?

### Pay Attention to God's Posted Signs!

- Do you have a tendency to try to find gray areas in God's clear signs? What are your gray areas?
- What are some things that God is directing you away from? Are you allowing him to lead you?
- Where has ignoring signs from God led you? What steps have you taken to acknowledge God's signs?
- How do you differentiate a sign from God and not from yourself or someone else?

### Follow the Directions of the Lord

- Proverbs 4:23-27 directs us to guard our hearts, eyes, mouth, and our path. How do you go about doing this in your daily life?
- Can you see God on the path you're walking on? How do you know?
- How has your upbringing or friends group influenced your beliefs and guardrails?

## **Stay in your Lane, and Guard your Life in Christ!**

- How do you know where to set your guardrails?
- Pastor Mike gave us some steps for establishing healthy practices and guardrails:
  - 1. Be Fully Devoted to Jesus as Lord of your Whole Life
  - 2. Be Filled with the Holy Spirit of God!
  - 3. Be Faithful in Church Attendance and Small Group
  - 4. Build a life around Daily Prayer and Bible Study
  - 5. Repent of anything that Displeases the Lord
- Are there any of these areas that you need to improve upon?
- He also gave us some steps for establishing guardrails and boundaries:
  - 1. Any form of Sexual Immorality (1 Cor. 6.18)
  - 2. All forms of Greed (Calendar, Abilities, Finances)
  - 3. Every area of Bitterness, Anger, Unforgiveness, Rage
  - 4. The Lies of the Devil, False Religion, Bad Beliefs
  - 5. What enters your Soul through media and culture.
- Pastor Mike said that we need personal standards that become a matter of conscience. Which of these above do you need to set boundaries/guardrails so that it will eventually come naturally to you?



# ACT ON IT



## ENCOURAGE

There are so many strategies that will help you walk with the Lord faithfully, to say no to a life of sin and destruction, and it is an imperative for God's People to evaluate this stuff, to care about this stuff, and to manage your life and your behaviors in a way that honors the Lord!



## ASK

Where are the stop signs in your life you have been trying to ignore?



## CHALLENGE

Pastor Mike keeps encouraging us to be in community with other believers, take a close inventory of those in our lives, and the "warning signs" God has placed. Be bold and let your small group know, RIGHT NOW, what the "stop signs" are so they can help hold you accountable and help you form guardrails.

# PRAYER

God, thank you for your word and for giving us directions in our life to follow. We know sometimes we follow our human desires or influences of others and stray from the path you have for us. Redirect us Lord and reveal the things in our lives that you don't want for us and that we need to repent and turn away from. Thank you for being patient with us and a present and loving Father. Lead us this week in establishing guardrails and boundaries to live a life full of you and less of us. We love you! We thank you! In Jesus' name, AMEN!