



# PRACTICAL PROVERBS

WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

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SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

### ICEBREAKER

ARE YOU A PLANNER OR A “WING IT” TYPE OF PERSON?



DEVOTION IS PASSED DOWN FROM FATHERS AND MOTHERS (PROVERBS 4:1-5)

- *Did you grow up in a home that modeled the parents being spiritual leaders? How did that shape your relationship with God?*
- *What are some practical ways we can pass down God’s wisdom to the next generation or people we mentor?*

TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR DEVOTION (PROVERBS 4:20-22)

PASTOR MIKE NOTED THAT WE ARE IN CHARGE OF WHAT WE “INPUT” INTO OUR MIND, EYES, EARS AND HEART.

- *What “inputs” (things you watch, listen to, read, or spend time with) are currently influencing your walk with God? Are they helping or hurting your devotion?*
- *What steps are you taking to make sure that your primary input is spiritually focused and not worldly focused?*

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GUARD AND PROTECT YOUR DEVOTION, IN ALL AREAS

- *Read Romans 8:38-39 - This scripture is showing us that nothing can separate us from God's love BUT also implies that we can allow things to affect our love for God. What things in your life are you ALLOWING to create distance in your relationship with God?*
- *Who are the people you are "walking with" in life right now? How do they influence your spiritual direction?*
- *Are you allowing the influence of social media algorithms and cultural pressures to outweigh the influence of scripture in your life?*

WHY WE WALK THIS WAY

- *How does understanding that we are "eternal life people" change the way we live day to day?*
- *What is the difference between obeying God out of obligation and walking with Him out of love and devotion?*

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### ACT ON IT



## ENCOURAGE

Proverbs 4:23 tells us to guard our hearts vigilantly. If we choose to listen to God's word and guard them within our hearts we will really live; body and soul, we'll be bursting with health.



## ASK

Take ownership of your own devotion to Jesus. What you pay attention to, what you listen to, what you WATCH... and what's in your heart! Think about this; what are you currently allowing INTO the INPUTS of your life? Your eyes, ears, your heart? Are you guarding your heart?



## CHALLENGE

Romans 8:38-39 tells us that nothing in all of creation can separate us from God's love toward us. If it's true that nothing will separate us from God's love for us then why would we let anything in our lives separate us from our love for Him? Examine your heart this week and make a commitment to God, from today forward, nothing will separate us from God's love.

## PRAYER

Lord, help me to focus on You and the things that concern You. Admittly, at times, I have been distracted by worldly matters, rather than by what gives me true life. I long to find peace in You as the center of my soul. Father, please help me evaluate myself daily and to recognize Your presence in all that I do and say. I am grateful for Your guidance and for the people You place in my life, who provide wisdom along my journey to becoming a fully devoted follower of You. Lord, I desire to be a citizen of eternal life - please help me walk in Your ways.