

DAY #7

Connecting with Jesus - Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust.

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 7:1-3

Read Proverbs 8:22-35 ... Listen and Apply

Jesus is Wisdom. Based on this fact, what does V22-31 say to you?

Write out what it means to be BLESSED according to the dictionary?

Who are the BLESSED according to V32-34. Do you feel BLESSED? Why or why not?

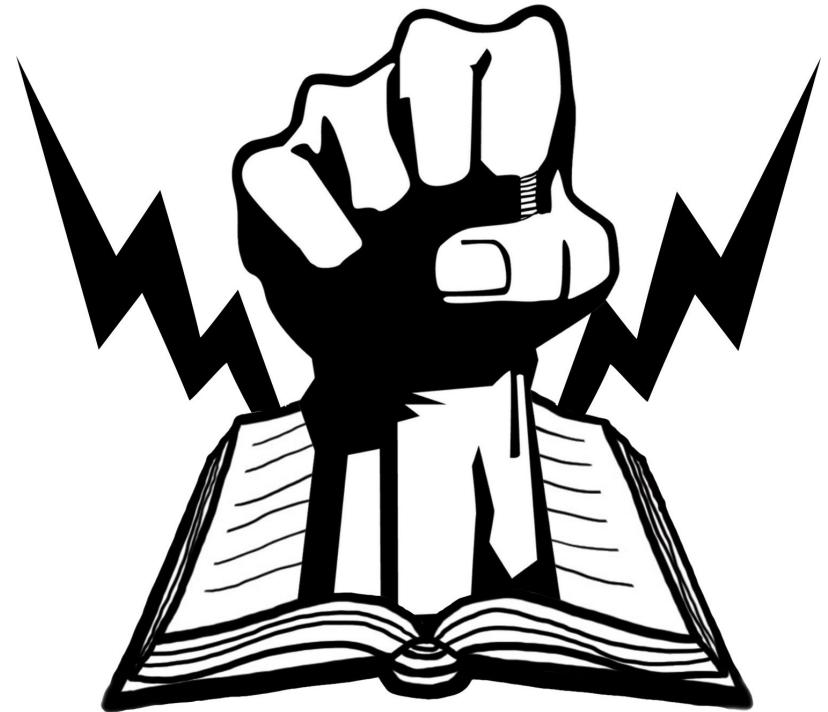
What is the positive and negative to “seeking God” according to V35-36?

Reread V35. Next read 1Cor 6:9-11. After reading these verses, write in your own words what your real blessings are according to 1Corinthians 6:11.

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

Let's Pray: Lord, we have spent a lot of time the last few days looking at Your wisdom, fearing You, keeping Your commands in our hearts, and staying away from sexual sin. But, Lord, the most freeing of all is reading today in 1 Cor. how You **washed** our vile sins away, have made us holy in Your sight, and You've set us apart (**sanctified**) from this world. Finally, You **justified** us and made it “**just as if I'd never sinned**” because of Jesus shed blood for me on the cross. Help me to grasp exactly what You have done for me and show me what effect it should have on how I live daily from this point on. Forgive me for not living in appreciation of what You have done for me. I Love You!!! Amen!

Ask God what He wants to talk with you about today?



THE WORD

The POWER to change your life!

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” -James 1:22

WEEK TWO - PROVERBS

DAY #1

Walk in the Spirit Moment by Moment - Confess, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 4:23 - Write it below. Reflect on each word!

Read Proverbs 4:1-27...Listen and Apply

Write out one sentence that summarizes the main point of V1-7.

The most important WORD in these first “7” verses may be **GET. Get Wisdom!** You must decide to go after it! It is an ongoing pursuit! V13 says once you **get it**, make sure you **hold on to it!** As you read James 1:5-8, what does God say is one of the best ways to get and retain wisdom?

V14-17 challenges us not to hang out with the lost or the wicked. Are there relationships you may need to cut off to get right with God? Read 2Cor 6:14&15. Also look at those close to you who call themselves Christians but may not be living the Christian life. Do they need to be removed from your life? Write down who they are...

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| 4. | 5. | 6. |

Write out how to practically ‘**guard your heart**’ from sexual sin. List the 5-ways V20-27 describes how to do this.

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Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

Let's pray! Lord, I see in Your Word today that there are two paths I can choose to take: **1) The Path of Righteousness or 2) The Path of Wickedness.** I ask you to forgive me for all the hours I've spent wearing down a pathway through the forest of wickedness. Lord, I rejoice that I can simply choose to take a new path because of the blood you shed for me on the cross. When I come to the fork in the road today and a choice has to be made which way to go, **I pray YOU would illuminate YOUR path** so there is no way I can miss it!! Thank you for Your love for me even when I go the wrong way. **I Love You, Lord!**

Be Still, Ask, Pray, Reflect, Listen to God your Real Father

Ask God how Revelation of Information leads to Transformation in you...

DAY #6

Connect with God Today - Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust!!

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 5:21. Think about what you're writing...

Read Proverbs 8:1-21... Listen and Apply

Based on V1-6, does God hide His **wisdom** from us? What does it bring?

Based on V10-11, what should you do in regard to **God's wisdom**?

List a couple of things you **really, really desire** in your life right now.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do you believe God's statement that **NOTHING** you desire can compare to the experience of getting wisdom? Why or why not?

Describe how getting wisdom can be better than the things above that you really desire?

Finally, what are some of God's awesome promises to us in V17-18!!

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

We talked a lot about the **“FEAR of the LORD”** in week one’s devo. It is brought up again here in V13, and it is clear that the more a person fears, honors, and respects the Lord, the more the person will HATE evil. Read Rom 12:9. It is actually issued as a command, **“to hate what is evil.”** Spend some time asking GOD how to hate evil. What does that look like practically? **Lord, help me and my brothers really understand this healthy hatred.**

7 minutes with God - Ask God how to live by heavenly Wisdom instead of earthly?

DAY #5

Confess, Learn, Adjust - Start your Day Cleansing your Conscience!

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 5:8

Read Proverbs 7:1-27 ... Listen and Apply

For the 5th time in "4" chapters, God warns us to stay clear from anything sexually tempting, but specifically, women dressed provocatively which appears to have a crafty intent. God describes the man who doesn't avoid this woman as **lacking judgment**, having **no common sense**, and **devoid of understanding**. Would you have thought of yourself like this? Where are you right now in this area of your behavior? Are you listening to HIM?

How fast is the decision to give into sin according to V22? Would you agree? Why or why not?

When you do this, what does it say it will cost you in V23? What does GOD say you actually have to spend to get her?

Write out what V25 says? What would you call this statement God makes in V25? If HE asks you to do it, will HE give you the strength and the ability to do it?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

The question is: do we really "suddenly" just fall into sin, because the opportunity presented itself. NO! **Do not be deceived!** Look back to V8, many people would say this is where the fall into sin started. BUT, I would like to challenge you to look closer. Many may say it started with his decision to go down the street by her house. BUT, look at V7 and chew on this. Was it not because he LACKED judgment, understanding, and common sense that he made this decision? Think about where your decision to sin really starts and what you can do to **make a different decision next time?**

The Best Part of your Day is Time with God - Try to find joy in Jesus today!!

DAY #2

Walk in the Spirit by Daily Confession, Learning, and Adjusting

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 4:23 Write it, Memorize it!!

Read Proverbs 5:1-23 ... Listen and Apply

The adulteress or immoral women talked about in V3 are really a representation of any sexual temptation. Our sin seems sweet in the beginning, but in the end, God describes it as bitterness. In V6, it says she gives "no thought to her way of life" and doesn't realize how wrong her actions really are! The big question is, "**Do you?**" If you continue to live as you want sexually, what could be some possible **consequences?** **Give some thought to this...** YOUR BODY & SOUL (Your Mind, Will, and Emotions) -

RELATIONSHIP to God -

RELATIONSHIP to wife / kids / others (If single, think about when you're married.) -

Does V8 say to rely on how strong your walk is with the Lord in order to avoid the temptation of the adulteress? What does this verse mean you need to do to prevent falling to VARIOUS SINS that tempt you?

What does V11-14 say will be the result of not staying away from sexual sin? Based on these verses, what could this person have done in their earlier years of life to avoid huge regrets at the end their life?

V18-19 holds one of the keys to resisting sexual sin if you're married. What is it? How does a single man get his intimacy tank full without a woman?

V21 should be a huge deterrent and key to resisting sexual sin! Meditate on this verse!

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

An actress once quoted, "**Adultery is the ultimate deal-breaker for me. I would rather be alone than in a relationship that doesn't honor me.**" We often don't realize that wives feel this way about porn and the lack of intimacy, as well. They feel dead, lonely, rejected, and unwanted! The challenge today is to ask God how you can work toward restoring current and future relationships. If married, remember why you were drawn to her while you were dating. Pray that God would make the last years of your marriage better than the first. Single guys, learn from these passages to be satisfied with the wife of your youth. You will spare both of you much pain and grief!! Practice walking in HIS ways! **You will never regret it!**

Listen to what God is saying to you today through the study.

DAY #3

Walking In The Spirit - Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust from Yesterday!

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 4:23. Write out and Memorize...

Read Proverbs 6:1-19...Listen and Apply

What is the difference in how a Christian and a non-Christian handle a disaster in their lives according to V15? List "3" differences that you can think of...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

God says in V16-19 that He hates "**7**" **characteristics of men**; they are a detestable abomination to Him! List "4" characteristics of the "7" that can become part of the character of a man bound in porn and other sexual sins.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Think about these "**4**" **fleshly character** traits above, then write down how each of them have affected your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

Today, I repent before You of my behaviors listed above. Lord Jesus, I have sinned and done things that you hate. They have hurt me and others. I'm so sorry for what I've done. Thank you for **forgiving and washing my mind clean** of these sins. Would you begin to form in me new character qualities of truthfulness, humility, and a heart that desires to resist temptation! Instead, may I look for ways to serve others.

I ask you, GOD, to form the qualities of your Son, Jesus, in my character. May my flesh decrease and your Spirit increase. Have your way in me. Heal the people I've hurt, and restore my relationships, please!! I love you, **Jesus!** I want to give you my best, my all, one day at a time. I surrender to your will! Amen!

Take 5 mins with God to be Still, Reflect, and Listen to His Desires for You

DAY #4

Connect with God Habitually Everyday! Confess, Learn, Adjust!!!

Weekly POWER Passage - Proverbs 4:23

Read Proverbs 6:20-35...Listen and Apply

In V22, what "3" results of Godly instruction? Notice the last one says that they will "speak to you"! This is one of the main ways God speaks to His kids through the Word taught by others. Write down a principle that comes to your mind often that your dad or mom would say? **What does it speak to you today?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Read V25&26. Then read Matt 5:28. These scriptures are "**warnings**" to us. What does V27&28 imply will happen when we look at women very long with a lustful desire?

In V32, what does the man lack who commits **adultery**? What is he doing to HIMSELF? What is he doing to his **WIFE** since they are one? In today's culture, the man who is looking at porn, lusting at women in stores, or going to strip clubs is really developing these same results in his life.

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

ICEBERG AHEAD!!! The unsinkable Titanic went down on April 15, 1912, killing 1500 of the 2200 passengers. Why? **Because someone did not heed the WARNING.** Some people were killed, some lived normal lives, and some never fully recovered. V25 is a WARNING from GOD, and just like the Titanic, you get to choose if you will heed the WARNING. **Some** will see how close they can get, some will heed the warning and stay far away living pretty normal lives, and some will sink and never fully recover.

Which one are you going to be? Right now, do you know you should heed but think a little is ok, a little looking, a little self love? **Remember**, people were deceived to think the Titanic was unsinkable, too! Who will you listen to, the Spirit or the flesh?

What Warning is God speaking to you today? Listen... Feel His Love in it!!