

Jesus said to his followers:

“. . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.”

(John 14:12)

Greater *things*

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Wisdom Calls To Us All

from Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling

Certainly we were all gifted with varying levels of intelligence. Sometimes intelligence that isn't available to all of us leads some to tremendous success. However, the lessons of wisdom are something we all can learn from. From a practical standpoint many of us gain wisdom through experience. Often times that process beats us up along the way. While we can hear about what might be right to do we may occasionally venture off that path and end up clubbed over the head with reality. The eighth proverb shares with us the origin of wisdom and who can have access to it.

“I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be.” Proverbs 8:23

This proverb continues to say that the world was created out of wisdom. The intelligence behind the creation of all things. Because of this we are able to make scientific discoveries and inferences out of our expectation that there is a reason to why things are the way they are. Verses 30-31 proclaim the delight wisdom had in the creation of everything, implying that all things were created for a purpose and weren't random and chaotic accidents.

“At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud.” Proverbs 8:2-3

Wisdom positions herself where everyone can see her. Wisdom isn't hidden by a gatekeeper but calls out to all of us that we might seek and find her. How often have we found the simplest answer is often the best? There are moments in this proverb that are reminiscent of when Jesus called for people to seek and therefore find or knock and have the door opened. Wisdom is available to all of us regardless of our mental aptitude or lack there of. Perhaps we can find wise solutions on our own but we can certainly gain insight from the counsel of others.

The path of wisdom is a choice we can all make. It is not forced on us. Most of the words of Proverbs 8 are filled with promise but there is a final warning at the end. Consistently making unwise decisions is not without its cost. Sometimes acting recklessly can be exhilarating but don't be surprised if eventually the final outcome is not so pleasant.

The universe was formed using the wisdom of God. While looking at the natural world around us we can see the order that was caused by wisdom. Whether through the revelation of his Word, the Bible, or through our natural environment we see all things crying out the glory of God. We need just ask for access and it will be granted us.

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Ministry and Leadership

“We believe that ministry continues the work of Christ, who gives gifts through the Holy Spirit to all believers and empowers them for service in the church and in the world. We also believe that God calls particular persons in the church to specific leadership ministries and offices. All who minister are accountable to God and to the community of faith as they serve the church...

The church calls, trains, and appoints gifted men and women to a variety of leadership ministries on its behalf. The congregation and the wider church or conference share in this act as an indication of their blessing and support and as reminder of the person’s accountability before God and the church, and of the church’s responsibility toward the person.”

First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

	Stewardship	Attendance
5/26/19	\$2,738	103
6/2/19	\$2,467	88
6/9/19	\$8,764	150
6/16/19	\$3,025	104
6/23/19	\$5356	138

Come on out to the Fair Grounds on July 7th at 7-8:30pm to worship with fellowship believers!




AMC Personal Profile: Kendra Hughes

What is your job? I am the office manager at First Mid Wealth Management in the investment services department. I assist financial advisors, handle all compliance files and audits, and manage the office’s daily operations.

What is your favorite bible verse? Philippians 4:6 - “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God’s presence stronger than at any other time? The day of my car accident when I was 17 and when our daughter, Emma, was born last Fall.

What is your happiest memory? There are a few — when we found out we were expecting on New Year’s Day last year, Zeb and I’s wedding day and when Emma was born was an indescribable joyous day.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement or accomplishment? Passing the Series 7, Series 66, and Series 24 for my job.

What is your favorite meal? My mom’s baked steak and mashed potatoes with peach delight for dessert.

What is your favorite song? 10,000 Reasons

What was your very first job? Bussing tables at Yoder’s Kitchen

Resource of the Month: Praying The Bible

By: Donald S. Whitney

When you pray, does it ever feel like you’re just saying *the same old things about the same old things*?

Offering us the encouragement and the practical advice we’re all looking for, Donald S. Whitney, best-selling author of *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, outlines an easy-to-grasp method that has the power to transform our prayer life: praying the words of Scripture. Simple, yet profound, *Praying the Bible* will prove invaluable as you seek to commune with your heavenly Father in prayer each and every day.

This book is now available in the foyer library. Sign up for a free 5-day email course on praying the Bible at crossway.org/PraytheBible.

