

Fear and Frustration (I'm not somewhere else but want to be)

Faith and Contentment (God's with me and will sustains me)

## Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, do not forget my teaching,

but keep my commands in your heart,

<sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.

<sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.

## Proverbs 3:1-8

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord and shun evil.

<sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

# Being Wise People

Accepting the way the world works and don't be surprised its broken

My own understanding is limited and has distortions

Calibrate your compass and trust its leading

Being wise in your own eyes appears as wise at first but ends in foolishness

Godly wisdom builds community and is guided by the Spirit not our flesh

# Our Response To Being Spirit Filled

As You Greet The New Day

Trust God's forgiveness through Jesus' sacrifice

Renew your understanding of who you are in God

God's child and God's witness

Renew your commitment to make yourself available to God's purpose

“His will on Earth”

Trust the Spirit will work through you because you are available not

because you are capable



A new way of thinking results in a new way of living

There is refining, training and maturing that is taking place

## Satan Tried Getting In Jesus' Way (Matthew 4:1-11)

- Trust Yourself, Prove Yourself: Make bread from stones
- Test God, Make Him Prove Himself: Take a flying leap
- Instant Gratification: I Will Make You A King The Easy Way

In the end: it would have been foolish for Jesus to trade  
an earthly kingdom for an Eternal Kingdom

## Distorted Idealism

Past: Old Days are filled with “If Onlys”

Glorifies the good then and minimizes the good now

Creates regrets or longings for what's lost

Future: Filled with endless “What Ifs” and “Should bes”

We believe we have to figure out every possible event

Insulates us from looking foolish



# Complaining Contagion

“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” Gal 5:9

Numbers 11: I want different vs thankful for what is

- Foreigners with Israel complained
- The People of Israel complained
- Moses complained
- Joshua complained
- God Responded

# Our Response

Accept we live in a broken world with broken people

Trust that God is leading and shaping you to be His whole healed child

Accept that we have limited insight

Trust the Spirit living in you will give guidance in what is real

Accept that we have a choice to trust or complain

Trust that God will accomplish what He promised so you can be content

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