CREEKSIDE'S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, November 24, 2019

# #GetOverYourSelfie WISDOM over FOOLISHNESS 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17

Every time we make a decision, it is preceded by a series of questions. Sometimes we ask them out loud; sometimes we simply process them in our subconscious. We ask questions like "How much can I afford?" "What are the risks?" "How will this feel?" "How much will I make?" "How much could I lose?" "What are my chances?"

Whether you realize it or not, the questions you ask yourself eventually determine your decision.

If you are asking the wrong questions it doesn't matter what the answer is.

## What is the wise thing to do?

If the bible is clear on something you need to decide on, then the only decision is to obey or not obey. If it isn't clear then the real question is, "Is it wise?"

#### WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO IN LIGHT OF ...

- 1. My Past Experiences
- 2. My Present Circumstances
- 3. My Future Hopes and Dreams

If asking the question "What is the wise thing to do?" ticks you off then you learned something about you.

The best thing you can do is ask yourself, "What is it in me that refuses to do what I know will take me to where God longs to take me?"

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be kept safe. Proverbs 28:26 NLV (New Living Version)

### THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE FAIL TO EMBRACE WISDOM

### 1. THE NAÏVE

Proverbs 7:6-23

The NAÏVE think they can figure life out on their own.

The naïve overcomes foolishness through experience.

#### 2. THE FOOL

For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Proverbs 1:32

The FOOL knows the difference between right and wrong but doesn't care.

The fool overcomes foolishness through consequences.

### 3. THE SCOFFER / MOCKER

Mockers resent correction, so they avoid the wise. Proverbs 15:12

The scoffer knows the difference between right and wrong but doesn't care.

The scoffer overcomes foolishness through radical change of heart.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom Proverbs 9:10

FEAR of the LORD is the recognition and reverence that leads to worship and submission.

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

Jeremiah 32:39

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