

THE PRACTICE OF WISDOM

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message explored how wisdom shapes our everyday lives, guiding decisions in finances, parenting, marriage, and every area of our lives. Most often, strive to be "right," the true goal is to "get it right." Wisdom, rooted in reverence for God, helps us live carefully and make better decisions in light of our past, present, and future. The core question to ask in any situation is: "What is the wise thing to do?" – a question filtered through our past experiences, present circumstances, and future hopes and dreams.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what areas of life do you naturally see how close to the line you can go? Maybe it's driving over the speed limit, leaving to go somewhere with just enough time to arrive, or something else? Feel free to have fun with this one.
2. Living Wisely:
 - a. Read Ephesians 5:15-16
 - b. Can you identify an area where you're being pulled toward unwise decisions?
3. Talk about a decision you need to make this week/month. Walk through the framework of asking "What is the wise thing to do?" in light of:
 - a. **Past Experiences:**
 - i. How has reflecting on your past helped you make better decisions? What are some lessons from your past you can apply today?
 - ii. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 10:23
 - b. **Present Circumstances:**
 - i. Think about a current situation you're facing. How do your emotions, resources, season of life, and relationships influence your decision-making?
 - c. **Future Hopes and Dreams:**
 - i. Share some of your long-term goals for your life and family. How can this vision for your life help shape your decisions today?
 - ii. Are there any habits, relationships, or patterns you need to change to align your life with your future?
4. Finally, take some time to pray over each other and for the wisdom God wants to grant in every situation. James 1:5