

PART 2

SET LIST (worship optional)

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OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES (read when prompted)

Proverbs 1:1-6 Luke 7:11-17 Psalm 127:2 Isaiah 30:15

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

There are two ways to gain wisdom, by personal experience or by watching others. Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs so we could learn wisdom from his pain. Read Proverbs 1:1-6. Last week, Pastor Ron gave us two wisdom principles/questions to ponder: do you need to reevaluate what you know? And do you need to reevaluate whom you listen to? This week, he challenges us with another question: are you willing to repent? Repentance is not a prayer at the altar; it means to change your mind. Read Luke 7:11-17. When you begin to change your mind and truly repent, you allow God to touch your coffin. Your coffin is that thing that is holding you back from your purpose. We want God to touch and change us but some people are not willing to let God remove the coffins that are holding us back. What is your coffin? Are you willing to let God remove the thing or person(s) that's restraining you from reaching vour purpose?

- **Read Psalm 127:2.** The fourth wisdom principle/question is: are you willing to be diligent? Diligence is doing a little thing a long time until something big happens. Diligence is not getting motivated once in awhile. You can crack the things that are stronger than you if you just refuse to guit. All of your decisions are much easier is quitting is out of the equation. You'll always be confused if quitting is an option. You will always win if you do not quit. Quitting shouldn't be an option even when the excitement is gone. The lowest form of maturity is when you have to inspire to do right. In church, the pastor should not have to get you excited about prayer or inspire you to serve God. We should already be excited and willing because it's what God wants us to do. **Do you quit once the excitement is gone? Is** there something you have stopped doing because you didn't see the results? Are you willing to try again and be diligent about it?
- The fifth wisdom principle/question is: are you going to lose your faith? Faith is not always boisterous and flamboyant, sometimes faith is quiet and confident. Read Isaiah 30:15. How is your faith in the face of trouble? Life troubles are God's opportunities. God doesn't get to show off unless there's trouble. During this time in a pandemic, the world should see our confident faith. If you really believe he's working all things, than you believe God is strategizing your positive outcome right now. What is the best possible outcome that can happen after this pandemic is over? Are you living in that confident faith that it will happen?

PRAYER FOCUS

This week, focus your prayers on those people that need to be diligent. Many people are taking the sluggard route and have quit many things during this time because it's easy. Let's pray together that people will become more diligent in their relationship with God and with one another.