

PART 5

OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES (read when prompted)

Proverbs 1:1-7 Colossians 3:2 Ephesians 2:1-3

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- Read Proverbs 1:1-7. The book of Proverbs or the book of wisdom is how God approaches life. And there comes a time in the life of a believer where it should be harder to do wrong then it is to do right. Beyond the law of sin is the law of wisdom. In our walk with Christ we need to get past the point of "is it right or wrong?" and ask, "is it wise?" Making a wrong decision doesn't mean the devil is out to get you; it could just be that you made a foolish decision. Bring God into your decision making to make sure you are always choosing wisely. Is God the first person you go to when making a decision? Think of the last mistake you made, did you go straight to rebuking the devil or realize you had the power to change things?
- One of the keys of wisdom is to be a perpetual student. When you are constantly learning you are regularly receiving revelation. And where you have revelation, the gates of hell cannot prevail. But where you are ignorant, you are vulnerable.

Read Colossians 3:2. When you set your mind on things above, you are re-setting your broken mind. When you re-set your mind to Godly things then your life will follow suit. Your life will arrive to your thought life. If you want the promises of God in your life you've got to have a thinking that corresponds with His promises. Are you taking the time to learn more about God during this time? What new revelation has God shown you about Himself and yourself?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3. Everything operates according to its nature. If you act like your past sinful nature then you will do sinful things. But if you are born again then you have been regenerated and your nature is changed. Those people who say they are saved yet act like God has done nothing in their lives had an "altar experience" but haven't participated in His nature. You can be saved but still flow in a sinful nature because you haven't put on the new man. Participating in God's nature is not normal. You have to actively clothe yourself in the nature of God until it becomes your nature. What are some ways to actively clothe yourself in God's nature? When you first got saved were there things that did not come naturally for you (ex. Praying, raising hands in worship, etc.)?

PRAYER FOCUS

This week let's pray for those who just started their walk with God and are uncomfortable in participating in God's nature. It may have been easy for you to change your life but for others it can be tough. Ask God to give them more wisdom to live in God's nature instead of their own.