

## **God's Wisdom for Our Lives – Week 4**

### **Don't Follow Your Heart – Lead It! (Part 2)**

#### **Review**

1. Over-Arching Theme of Proverbs: Wisdom
  - a. The foundation of Biblical wisdom: The fear of the LORD (Prov 1:7, 9:10, 31:30)
    - i. “Lord, I trust you, and what you say goes, no matter what”.
2. The fear of the Lord leads to godliness in everyday life.
3. Key Theme: There are only two ways to live:

There is a way to life. That way is called wisdom, which is living in reference to God, in the fear of the Lord.

There is a way to death. That way is called folly, which is rejecting or living without reference to God.

#### **Key Theme: Don't Follow Your Heart – Lead It!**

4. We are commanded to lead our hearts (Prov 3:1).
  - a. We can, and are therefore responsible to direct our hearts
5. Trust in the Lord (lean on/depend on Him) with all your heart (mind, will, emotions, desires), and lean not on your own understanding (Prov 3:5).
  - a. Subject your entire inner person to the revealed will of God
  - b. Trusting that He is good and knows best, even when my instincts seem to indicate otherwise
6. Instead of being wise in your own eyes, fear the LORD (Prov 3:7)

#### **Read Proverbs 28:26**

7. How does Proverbs 28:26 describe the one who trusts in their own heart?
  - a. What does it mean to be called a fool?
  - b. According to verse 26, what's the alternative to such foolishness?
  - c. What is the end of the path for those who walk wisely in verse 26?
    - i. How does this serve as a warning for those who foolishly trust in themselves?

## Read Jeremiah 17:5-10

8. How does Jeremiah describe the bush in the desert in verse 6?
  
9. Who is the bush in the desert? (vs 5)
  
10. According to verse 5, what is the heart of the self-confident one doing?
  
11. How does Jeremiah describe the tree by the water in verse 8?
  
12. Who is the tree that's planted by the water and thrives, even in adversity? (vs 7)
  
13. According to verses 9-10, what are we being warned against in this section?
  
14. Let's get practical... What are the situations when you find it difficult to trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and instead tend to lean on your own understanding?
  - a. When someone sins against you or hurts you?
  
  - b. When your spouse doesn't meet your expectations?
  
  - c. When a child is in need of discipline and it's difficult to do so?
  
  - d. When temptation looks sweet?
  
  - e.
  
  - f.