



DAY 1 PROVERBS 3:5-6

1

I had to memorize Robert Frost’s “The Road Not Taken” in middle school. I can still recite most of it, but many of us know the beginning: “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.” We all have choices to make as we walk the roads of this life: which career to pursue, which person to date and maybe marry, where to live. Some of us worry about these decisions. Some of us make lists of pros and cons. How many of us pray about them? Proverbs tells us to seek the answers we need from God, because He has the wisdom. God will guide us in making these life choices, whether career, spouse, or home. Frost’s poem ends “Two roads diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Make God’s way the most traveled road in your life.

DAY 2 TITUS 2:11-12

2

Did you over-indulge over the holidays? Did you decide to eat healthier in 2018? Many of us make resolutions as we enter the new year, but we won’t be successful if we don’t come at it with a plan. We need to be intentional about what we eat. That means being intentional about what we buy at the grocery store. We can’t expect to stick to a low-carb diet if we load the cart with pasta and bagels. If we want to eat healthy snacks, we need to avoid the chip aisle. Our spiritual life is no different. We need to be intentional about the books we read, the shows we watch, and the friends we hang out with if we want to strengthen our relationship with God. Titus 3 promises that God’s grace can help us to live godly, sensible lives.

DAY 3 1 PETER 1:13-21

3

January is the perfect time to stop and evaluate where we are and where we want to go. As human beings, we were created in the image of God “to know God and make Him known.” With more than 7 billion people on the planet, I might be tempted to think that my life doesn’t matter. God has plenty of other people to do the job. Not so! Each of us is created for a purpose, a job that only you or I can do. Our family history, our education, our work, our dreams – they all work together to make you or I the exact right person to reach that one. You were saved for a purpose; ask God to reveal to you what that purpose is.

DAY PROVERBS 15:22

4

Do you want to learn how to crochet or build a bookshelf? You can find tutorial videos on social media. You can even find instructional videos for such obscure tasks as learning Gaelic and writing with a quill pen. We turn to instructional videos because, how many people do we know who speak Gaelic? But what about when you need help raising children who love God or help living out your faith? You don't have to search social media for answers; look around you at the wealth of wisdom among other Christ-followers. Even better: join a community group! Find fellow believers in the same stage of life; you can encourage each other. But also seek out the wisdom of the people who have gone before. Learn from their mistakes and embrace their advice. Then, years from now, you can be the one with the wisdom to help the ones coming behind.

DAY PROVERBS 4:1-27

5

One summer many years ago, I worked at a day camp, and one day a week a basketball coach came to work with the kids. They'd gather around as he shared his wisdom, they'd practice a drill, and then they'd play on teams. If they complained about the drills, Coach Williams would remind them that truly good basketball players – even professionals – spend hours on drills. I've heard the same said about learning the violin. I didn't heed that wisdom as a novice musician. Kids want instant gratification. So do adults. But acquiring wisdom is no different than learning basketball or playing violin. It takes a bit of work on our part. But the basketball star will tell you the drills are worth it. So is seeking God's wisdom in our everyday life. Be consistent. Be intentional. It's worth it.

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