



Faith - Family - Fellowship

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Contemporary Worship Service
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PRAYERS of TRANSFORMATION

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.
Lord God, You call us to seek wisdom as treasure and to walk in the light of Your truth. We come with open hearts, ready to be transformed.

People: Make wisdom enter our hearts and let Your truth dwell richly within us.

Pastor: You say, "Receive My words and treasure My commands." Help us to incline our ears to wisdom and apply our hearts to understanding.

People: We will search for Your wisdom as for hidden treasure, and seek Your knowledge with all our strength.

Pastor: You promise that in seeking, we will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

People: Let reverence for You shape our thoughts, our choices, and our lives.

Pastor: From Your mouth come wisdom and understanding. You are a shield to those who walk in integrity.

People: Guard our paths, O Lord, and establish us in righteousness and justice.

Pastor: As John reminds us, the command to love is not new—it is ancient and enduring. Let us walk in the light, loving one another as Christ has loved us.

People: May Your love be perfected in us, and may we never stumble in darkness.

Pastor: You have given us an anointing from the Holy One. Let it teach us and remain in us.

People: We will abide in Christ, so that when He appears, we may stand with confidence and not shrink away.

Pastor: Transform us, Lord. Let discretion protect us and understanding guard us. Let Your Spirit refine us, and Your Word renew us.

People: We surrender to Your wisdom, Your love, and Your truth. Make us vessels of light, rooted in grace and walking in Your ways.

All Together: In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS of WIDSON - Proverbs 2:1-11 (Contemporary English Version)

Wisdom isn't just intellectual—it's moral and spiritual. It shapes your character, protects you from deception, and aligns you with God's ways. It's a shield for the soul. Today's Words of Wisdom from the book of Proverbs offers a powerful invitation to pursue wisdom with intentionality and passion. The central theme is that **wisdom is a divine gift**, but it must be actively sought—like hidden treasure.

Allow these words, from the Contemporary English Version, to open up your mind to explore how God needs believers to seek truth and knowledge in His word.

My child, you must follow and treasure my teachings and my instructions. Keep in tune with wisdom and think what it means to have common sense. Beg as loud as you can for good common sense. Search for wisdom as you would search for silver or hidden treasure. Then you will understand what it means to respect and to know the Lord God. All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do common sense and understanding. God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys him and protects those who live as they should. God sees that justice is done, and he watches over everyone who is faithful to him. With wisdom you will learn what is right and honest and fair.

Wisdom will control your mind, and you will be pleased with knowledge. Sound judgment and good sense will watch over you.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

WORD OF GOD - 1 John 2:7-29 (The Message)

The Word of God comes from 1 John, chapter 2, verses 7 through 29. Today's reading is taken from The Message translation.

Now here the word of the Lord.

My dear friends, I'm not writing anything new here. This is the oldest commandment in the book, and you've known it from day one. It's always been implicit in the Message you've heard. On the other hand, perhaps it is new, freshly minted as it is in both Christ and you—the darkness fading away and the True Light already blazing! Anyone who claims to live in God's light and hates a brother or sister is still in the dark. It's the person who loves brother and sister who dwells in God's light and doesn't block the light from others. But whoever hates is still in the dark, stumbles around in the dark, doesn't know which end is up, blinded by the darkness. I remind you, my dear children: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. You veterans were in on the ground floor and know the One who started all this; you newcomers have won a big victory over the Evil One. And a second reminder, dear children: You know the Father from personal experience. You veterans know the One who started it all; and you newcomers—such vitality and strength! God's word is so steady in you. Your fellowship with God enables you to gain a victory over the Evil One.

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity. Children, time is just about up. You heard that Antichrist is coming. Well, they're all over the place, antichrists everywhere you look. That's how we know that we're close to the end. They left us, but they were never really with us. If they had been, they would have stuck it out with us, loyal to the end. In leaving, they showed their true colors, showed they never did belong. But you belong. The Holy One anointed you, and you all know it. I haven't been writing this to tell you something you don't know, but to confirm the truth you do know, and to remind you that the truth doesn't breed lies. So who is lying here? It's the person who denies that Jesus is the Divine Christ, that's who. This is what makes an antichrist: denying the Father, denying the Son. No one who denies the Son has any part with the Father, but affirming the Son is an embrace of the Father as well. Stay with what you heard from the beginning, the original message. Let it sink into your life. If what you heard from the beginning lives deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father. This is exactly what Christ promised: eternal life, real life! I've written to warn you about

those who are trying to deceive you. But they're no match for what is embedded deeply within you—Christ's anointing, no less! You don't need any of their so-called teaching. Christ's anointing teaches you the truth on everything you need to know about yourself and him, uncontaminated by a single lie. Live deeply in what you were taught. And now, children, stay with Christ. Live deeply in Christ. Then we'll be ready for him when he appears, ready to receive him with open arms, with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when he arrives. Once you're convinced that he is right and righteous, you'll recognize that all who practice righteousness are God's true children.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.