

Putting God First

하나님 우선의 삶

Trust and Discipline

Proverbs 3:1-12

Community Prayer

1. Pray each SG has life force so that communities grow every day.
2. Pray for the sick in the communities.
3. Pray the construction of the education building to go smoothly to the end in God's grace.
4. Pray next generation (Education Department) to grow in faith.
5. Pray for missionary work of Chodae Community Church.
6. Adult education programs such as Disciple Class, One-on-one Nurture, and Workplace Ministry to go smoothly in God's grace.

Announcements

1. The theme of the church in 2018 is "Putting God First."
2. Please use the following order when guiding your SG service.
2 ~ 3 songs praise / Representative prayer / Bible reading / SG sharing
3. Schedule for Community Bible Recitation & Praise: 1/19 – Community 13, 2/2- Community 15, 2/9- Community 16, 2/16- Community 17
4. Officer Retreat(제직 수련회): 1/26(Friday) – 1/28(Sunday)
* It is mandatory for all officers to attend.
5. Extensive home visitation starts in March. Please apply for it through your small group leader.
6. Education for the Family SG Service (The last Sunday of each month, 2:30pm, PJM room on the 2nd floor)
7. Please be sure to submit SG meeting reports online after the meetings.
8. The second meeting study guides will be available in the lobby on second Sunday each month.
9. Diaspora Ministry: Please let your pastor in charge know if there are SG members who are leaving the church and going to other states or Korea.

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Praise to the Lord

- 예수가 함께 계시니 (새찬송가 325)
- 주의 인자는 끝이 없고 (경배와 찬양 339)

Focus, We grow in wisdom when we trust God and accept His discipline.

Start & Share Share what you have been learning in your quiet time and how you have been applying this in your life. When was the last time you were disciplined by someone? How did you respond?

Scripture Read Proverbs 3:1-12.

Background

Few people enjoy being disciplined, as it makes us feel judged, condemned, or like a failure. Godly discipline from a true and loving source, however, helps us to grow and mature. In Proverbs 3, a father offers advice to his son to help him grow in wisdom. The father encourages his son to heed his advice so that he will prolong his life and experience peace and prosperity. The advice that he gives is not worldly advice but a spiritual lesson that teaches his son to grow in godly wisdom through trust and discipline.

> Study

1-1. Observe | Who should the son trust with all his heart (v.5)? Why does the father emphasize this to his son?

1-2. Reflect | Who do you trust with all your heart? Why do you trust that person?

2-1. Observe | Who does the LORD discipline (v. 12)? What would happen if He never disciplined anyone?

2-2. Reflect | When has the LORD disciplined you? How did you experience God's love through His discipline?

> Message

The father instructs his son to trust in the LORD with all his heart because he knows his son may be tempted to trust in his own wisdom in difficult situations, focusing on his immediate surroundings and making decisions based on his own experiences and knowledge. Likewise, we may think the only way to make a wise decision is by understanding all the facts and coming to a logical conclusion, but true wisdom comes from submitting all of our thoughts and actions to the LORD, who makes our paths straight. It is because God loves us and cares for us that He corrects and guides us for our good. We need His discipline to grow in wisdom and maturity. Let us therefore not despise God's discipline but readily receive it because, as His children, we can trust that our Father desires the best for us.

Apply | Are there any areas of your life in which you are avoiding God's discipline? Ask His grace to trust Him with your whole heart so that you can receive His discipline and continue walking down straight paths.

Prayer | Pray that you would not lean on your own understanding but trust in God and embrace His discipline as you submit your ways to Him.

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