

For the week of July 22, 2018
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Be Humbled to Be Wise

Fifth week in the series: *Choose Wisely*

Proverbs 15, 27

Humility is a common buzz-word among Christians. We know our character and actions should reflect the humility we see in Jesus. The book of Proverbs teaches that humility is an essential ingredient in wisdom, but how do we become humble? Proverbs offers some down-to-earth, practical ideas about humility.

Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking of your family, cultural, and/or church background:
 - a. What definition of humility were you given?
 - b. What was it to look like?
 - c. What were the signs/symbols of humility?

2. Proverbs 15:31-32 urges us to listen to “life-giving reproof.” What do you think makes reproof or correction particularly *life-giving*?

3. What do you think it might mean in 15:32, that a person who ignores instruction, “despises” him/herself? (This could also be translated “rejects.”)

4. Consider Proverbs 27:17, “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”
 - a. Who do you have that sharpens you as a Christian or person in general?
 - b. What is it about them, or your relationship, that makes them an effective sharpening tool?

5. Consider Proverbs 27:9b, “...the sweetness of a friend comes from him earnest counsel.”
 - a. Is the word counsel surprising to you? Why or why not?
 - b. How open to counsel are you in your daily life?
 - c. What might make you less than open to the counsel of others?