"The Deceitfulness of Sin" Proverbs 2:12-22

"For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh (sensual desires or unlawful acts) and the desires of the eyes (covetousness and discontentment) and pride of life (self-exaltation over others) — is not from the Father but is from the world." (1 John 2:16)

"He dies for lack of discipline (self-control), and because of his great folly he is led astray." (Proverbs 5:23). "He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing." (Proverbs 29:1)

"If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God....You shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other...."

(Deuteronomy 28:58,63-64)

- The Wisdom of God Protects Us:
 - "He is **a shield** to those who walk in integrity, **guarding** the paths of justice and **watching over** the way of His saints." (Proverbs 2:7b-8)
 - "Discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, delivering you from the way of evil."
 (Proverbs 2:11-12a)
 - "So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adultress with her smooth words."
 (Proverbs 2:16)
- How Does the Wisdom of God Protect Us?
 - "The ear that listens to **life giving reproof** will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence." (Proverbs 15:31-32)
 - "I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You." (Psalm 119:11)
 - "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you **put to death the deeds of the body**, you will live." (Romans 8:13)
 - "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and **imitate their faith**." (Hebrews 13:7)
- The Description of Those Who Are Foolish and Simple: (Proverbs 1:22)
 - "They are men of perverted speech": the misrepresentation of what is true and false, what is good or evil.
 - "They walk in the ways of darkness": to reject the light and embrace willful ignorance.
 - "They rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil": they rejoice in their sin and others sinning as well.
 - "Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them." (Romans 1:32)
- The Results of Foolishness and Wisdom:
 - o Wisdom:
 - "You will walk in the way of the good."; "You will keep to the paths of righteousness."; "You will inhabit the land."; "You will remain in the land."

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• "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

Foolishness:

- "The wicked will be cut off from the land."; "The treacherous will be rooted out of it."
 - "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:15)

Announcements:

- **★** <u>DONATIONS:</u> Each October, we, as a church body, collect monetary donations for the Senior Pastor in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Please see the October Newsletter for more information about this! <u>TODAY</u> is the <u>LAST</u> day for this collection!
- ★ FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, November 2nd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★<u>COMMUNION:</u> We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, November 2nd.
- ★ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Don't forget to turn your clocks *back* one hour Saturday night/Sunday morning! ★ CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER: Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Tuesday, November 4th, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.
- ★CHURCH GAME NIGHT: Our Monthly Church Game Night will be on Sunday, November 9th, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board and//or card games to play, and bring a food item of some sort to share with everyone!
- ★FRIENDSGIVING: Our Annual Friendsgiving Dinner will be on Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30pm, here at the church! Please plan on joining us for this great time of food and fellowship! There are two sign-up lists on the wall in the Entryway. The first list is to sign-up to bring something for the Friendsgiving dinner. The second list is to sign-up if you plan on attending the Friendsgiving dinner. We would like to get an idea of how many people will be at the dinner, to make sure we have plenty of food, so if you plan on attending, please make sure to sign-up and include the number of people who will be joining you!
- ★<u>NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:</u> If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Members' Class on Sunday, November 16th, <u>and</u> Sunday, November 23rd, at 9am, in the Pre-K room. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.
- ★ MEMBERS' MEETING: We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 16th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will vote on the 2026 Church Budget as well as the proposed By-Law Additions. This is an important meeting, if you are a Church Member, we encourage you to please mark your calendars and plan on staying for this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are welcome to sit in as an observer for the meeting, but you will be unable to vote.