

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5 (ESV)

Wisdom and Words

Have you heard about the 1993 catchy TV commercial that asked, "Got Milk?" What about this more important life question: "Got Wisdom?" Knowledge is good, but wisdom is even better. Knowledge can help you pass many tests and accomplish various tasks, but wisdom will guide you through the most important decisions of your life. These proverbs expressly state in Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"(NKJV). Respect for God is the foundation for these wise sayings, helping us to distinguish between the way of the wise and the way of the fool. They deal with many of the major areas of life, including growing up, growing old, parenting, wise speech, social justice, marriage, and money.

In writing the Proverbs, Solomon hoped that we, his readers, would attain practical righteousness in all things and that we would do this by living our lives under the authority and direction of God. As Proverbs 3:5-7 teaches, we cannot make good choices without wisdom, and we cannot have wisdom without God! Reading Proverbs daily keeps God's wisdom foremost in our minds, especially during times of decision-making. As you read Proverbs 1:1-7 it states that its goal is to describe and instill wisdom through God's Word and God's guidance. Fearing the Lord means having a deep reverence and respect for God and His Word... a respect and reverence that results in obedience. Such an attitude is obtained by those who are humble..."But with the humble is wisdom" Proverbs 11:2 (NKJV).

Proverbs contain many wise words. How we use our words truly matters! Communication experts tell us that the average person speaks enough to fill 20 single-spaced, typed pages every day. Enough words to fill 2 books of 300 pages each month, 24 books each year, and 1200 books in 50 years of speaking. Words comprise a large part of our lives. So, the kind of words we say and use are important! According to Proverbs 16:24, "Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones." (NKJV)

During a time of economic crisis and depressing news, two students at a distinguished university decided to lift the spirits of people on campus with some encouraging words. For two hours every Thursday afternoon, they stood along a busy walkway holding a large "Free Compliments" sign and saying nice things to everyone who passed by, "Hey, great snow boots," "I like your blue coat," "Thanks for smiling." Some students said they passed by "the compliments guys" every Thursday just to hear a kind word.

When I read about these "compliments guys," I was struck by these two young men who looked at people with the goal of commending them, rather than finding fault or being critical. I honestly asked myself, "Is that how I, a follower of Christ, view others each day? Instead of being a person, who at times, is focused on the type of speech that is "a burning fire" Proverbs 16:27 (NKJV), each of us can adopt a different approach, knowing that what we say begins deep inside of us. Kind words are free, but they give priceless lift to our spirit. A gentle and sincere compliment falls lightly, but it carries great weight. What about you? What words are in your mouth? Are they wise and kind words that will encourage someone today?

Our words should be words that extend love and the healing power of kindness, forgiveness, and mercy. Truth should rule our words and relationships with others. After all, where would we be if Jesus hadn't spoken words of forgiving love and grace to us? May our daily prayer be: "Lord Jesus, forgive me for the words that I have uttered that may have wounded or hurt the hearts and spirits of others. I want to speak only words of healing, love, comfort, and encouragement, such as You would speak. Help me, Lord, to speak words that have the power to build up others and point them only to You. Amen.

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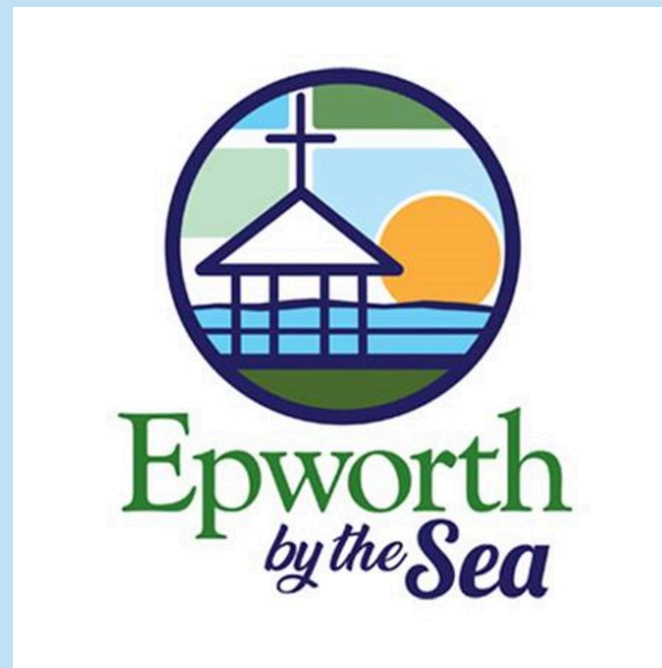
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Epworth-by-the-Sea
100 Arthur J. Moore Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Schedule-at-a-glance

National Student Retreat: May 28 to June 1, 2025

Annual Conference: May 29 to June 1, 2025

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Join us for prayer!
Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET



AGENDA

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday except when the meeting date falls on a holiday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer

concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, April 27, 2025** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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