



Message Outline

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June 7, 2020

Selected Proverbs

Being Honest with God (*about ourselves*)

Series: Church on the Couch

OUR DEFAULT APPROACH

- I'm right _____ *Proverbs 21:2*
- I'm pure _____ *Proverbs 16:2*
- I'm wise _____ *Proverbs 26:12*
- It's obvious _____ *Proverbs 14:12*

A WISER APPROACH

- I need God's wisdom _____ *Proverbs 28:26*
- I need humility _____ *Proverbs 3:5*
- I need to listen _____ *Proverbs 12:15; 18:17*
- I need to understand _____ *Proverbs 18:2*



HomeGroup Questions

Spring Session 2020

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1. This message began with a story about bumping into a celebrity. Have you ever had a close encounter with a famous person? If several, what was the most recent?

2. Review the message outline. What point(s) connected for you?

3. Look at Proverbs 21:2; 16:2; 26:12; and 14:12. In what ways do you see the human tendency to think that their ways are obviously right, pure, and wise? Tougher question: Where do you see it in you?

4. Now review the same four passages of question 3. From those verses, what are the reasons that a person should be cautious about assuming they are obviously right, pure, and wise??

5. In the message, Doug asked this rhetorical question: "What difference would it make if, in our decisions and discussions, if we started from the premise, "I need God's wisdom," rather than the premise, "I am right"?" Can you think of an example from real life where this would've helped?

6. Look at Proverbs 3:5. What does it mean to "lean not on your own understanding"?" What doesn't it mean? Doug called it a "healthy self-suspicion." How would you describe it?

7. When you believe that you always have to be "right, pure, and wise," how does that impact your sense of self-worth? How might being cautious about assuming you're "obviously right, pure, and wise" be liberating?

8. Consider Proverbs 12:15 and 18:2. Can you think of an example of a wise person in your life who modeled it through listening? How about someone who demonstrated wisdom by seeking to understand before giving their opinion?

9. This is the final HomeGroup for the spring. Watch for a special mini-series to start in a couple weeks. But for now, reflect on how you have grown spiritually during this Church on the Couch season.

10. Also list any answered prayer you have trusted God for as a group this session. And then take time pray for one another.