

It's good to see everybody here What a blessing Uh, it's just a blessing to have you all here. I want to thank those who are watching by internet um, there's some that are all over the country that uh watch watch this, uh this website And the preaching here on a constant base Basis, so I just want to thank you We're just a little church trying to do uh, what god's called us to do and we're just so thankful That you're so faithful in and listening to us And uh, we we actually hope that you get a blessing from this And if you like to be a blessing to us, you can always on the website. You can always uh give an offering And that would help us to continue what we're doing here So if you have a your bibles if you could please turn to proverbs proverbs chapter 14 proverbs chapter 14 And I I entitled this there is a way which seemeth right unto men amen And that comes right from the scripture here in uh proverbs chapter 14 beginning in verse 12 the bible says There is a way which seemeth right unto man But the end thereof are the ways of death even in laughter The heart is sorrowful And the end of the mirror Is heaviness and that word mirror is is joy.

The end of that joy is heaviness The black slider in heart Shall be filled with his own ways and a good man shall be satisfied from himself The simple believeth every word but the prudent man looketh well to his goings A wise man feareth and departeth from evil, but the fool rages And is confident. Let's pray father. We thank you I thank you for your word lord, and I ask you lord that you would bless us as we're in your word father help those who uh Uh have not really fully trusted god's word And use it as their Their guide and father help us Speak to each and every one of us lord As we come And listen from you and this I pray in jesus name.

Amen Well, you can be seated at this time You know, there's a right path to follow And a wrong path to follow. Amen And following the right path Will lead you to joy and peace and eternal life with god But following the the wrong path That will lead you to destruction And all through the bible it speaks to that especially the psalms which is the Where we we find god's wisdom And and also the proverbs So here we are looking at proverbs chapter 14 in verse 12 and 16 and again, i'll say it again, uh, I I titled this as what it said in verse 12. There is a way which seemeth right unto man But the end thereof is the ways of death And it's all through the word of god turn with me quickly to matthew And hold your finger here in proverbs, but turn to matthew matthew chapter 7 And here's the lord And the lord's speaking and he says in matthew chapter 7 verse 13 He says enter ye in at the straight gate For wide is the gate that and broad it is the way that leadeth to destruction And many there be with go in there at Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life And few there be that find it you know when I was young and I uh in as a as a believer And I read that I was kind of like taken back And narrow is the way And the bible says and jesus said it and few there be that find it.

And what is he saying find an eternal life? Because everyone thinks that they're on the right road. Everyone thinks that they're doing the right thing But here we find That there's a way that seemeth right unto what? unto a man And how many times especially when we were young, I know when I was young I thought I would I had all the answers amen Oh was I wrong but listen Follow the wrong path and it will lead you to destruction And that's that wide road that's that that everyone's on that road. Amen So, how does one Follow the wrong way the wrong road.

How does one do that? Well right here in verse 14. Look what I have. It says The first point I have is making decisions void of the guidance of god And right here in proverbs chapter 14 verse 12.

It says there is a way which seemeth right unto a man It is all too easy to make decisions for ourselves And not even consider What the lord Would have us to do and follow and what we should do and follow amen The danger in this life is to choose

to live outside the counsel of the word of god And I don't know how many times I need to stress that When you're making decisions outside the word of god, you better be careful Amen, and that's what the whole world does The whole world is not following after god. The whole world doesn't even Consider reading god's word, but you and I who are saved you and I who are born again You and I have who have trusted christ and have been given eternal life We need to follow the the word of god I say it all the time what it says by bible. I think I said this last week Amen Bible basic instructions before leaving earth And we must realize that a person can worship god On a sunday and live completely against his word the rest of the week And I see it People come in here and they're all excited And they they tame their tongue But as soon as church is over and they're out back out in the world they're doing the same things Then my heart breaks And listen i'm not saying that we're all we all need to be uh sleeping in our sunday best amen But listen, you need to be really figuring out Your decision making does it line up with god's word isaiah 29 Isaiah 29 13 look what it says here isaiah 29 13 Says wherefore the lord said for as much as this people draw near me with their mouth And with their lips to honor me But have removed their heart far from me and their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of man Think of that what's he saying? Just like I said people can come in here and they can worship and and they they uh They honor god with their lips But their heart is so far removed And we must guide our hearts against hardening towards The the lord by relying on our own wisdom Instead of his word That's a big mistake and I I hope you get this.

This is something that's very important Proverbs chapter 4 verse 23 says keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life We need to keep our heart focused on god's word and allowing the wisdom of god to change us To move us to make us think the way he thinks Because out of it is what the issues of life when you're dealing with all the issues of life You need to make the right decisions and who has the better decisions, but god Even when god's word seems beyond our understanding Faith calls us to obey It's by faith So many times I remember when I was young and I would read the word of god and I say this doesn't make sense but the spirit of god in me was saying just Do it by faith and sure enough There's a god behind his word Even when we have no idea what the end result will be We must still walk by faith I think of shadrach, meshach Shadrach meshach and abednego When they were thrown in a fiery furnace The word of god says don't bow down to any idol And they looked at the the king and they say oh lord king. We respect you. We honor you But we can't do this And they refused to do it and they said listen, even if it's gonna cost our lives we will not do this And what happened? They were thrown into the fiery furnace And god showed up Amen The lord jesus showed up I believe he was the fourth man in that fire Amen and the sad reality Of this proverb will be that there will be a way which seemeth right unto man but The end thereof are the ways of death People are going to make their own decisions Amen people are going to do what they want to do And twice it is repeated in proverbs chapter 14.

Look what it's what it says Well in in proverbs chapter 14 verse 12, look at it again It says there is a way which seemeth right unto man but the end thereof are the ways of death but now move over to proverbs chapter 16 Proverbs chapter 16 Look at again in verse 25 It repeats it Proverbs chapter 16 verse 25 says there is a way that seemeth right unto man But the end thereof are the ways of death Do you realize god is wanting us twice not to give in to the temptation? That we can live our lives in a manner that seems right in our own eyes Is that the counsel of god? You know, there's a certain thing called Self-deception Self-deception. This is what it's talking about The self-deception is when you think that you can make a better decision than god can And that you know how to order your life better than god would Amen Do you realize that? Let me say that again The Self-deception is when you think you can make a better decision than god can and that you know How to order your life better than god would And that's what happens when you go and do it your own way That song remember that song in the old days Frank Sinatra, I believe

he sang it I did it My way Listen, I can't sing but but i'm gonna tell you Be careful when you do it your way. Amen And can I say this especially if you're a christian? I know the world doesn't believe in god.

I know the world doesn't trust in the word of god I they look at us as we're crazy because we're reading such an ancient Book, but this book's alive And it speaks amen But i'm listen Just remember that god cannot be mocked That's what it says in galatians Galatians chapter 6 turn with him turn with me to galatians chapter 6 Look what it says galatians chapter 6 Look what it says in verse verse 7 Be not deceived Are we talking about self-deception? It says be not deceived god is not mocked For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap For he that soweth to his flesh shall reap the flesh reap of the flesh Corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting Be careful Be careful Be careful how you make decisions in life Secondly Secondly wrong decisions rob us of god's blessings Wrong decisions rob us of god's blessings. Look go back to proverbs chapter 14 again proverbs chapter 14 verse 13 Look what it says even in laughter. The heart is sorrowful And the end of that myrrh is heaviness And this verse gives us a picture of a heart that is outwardly Seems to be joyful But deep inside is sad painful and void of peace And I was there before I got saved.

I was I had everything going for me Amen everything was going for me. I was laughing and and thinking everything was fine and i'd be in a Family outing or a party and i'd be laughing but while a smile was on my face, I would feel a void in my heart That I could not fill And it was only when I turned to jesus and trusted him And repented of my sins that he filled that With his peace his joy And i'm here to tell you when you humble yourself and you follow his word in the precepts of his word For your life you you will always be in a place where he's going to continually bless you But when you go doing it your own way forget it amen and look what it says in proverbs chapter 1 and Every time I read I start the book of proverbs over again Is it always amazes me when I get to proverbs chapter 22 And look what it says And i'm going to read a few here in proverbs chapter 1 verse 22 The bible says How long ye simple ones will love will ye love simplicity And the scorers delight in their scorning and fools hate knowledge Turn you at my reproof Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you. I will make known my words unto you Because I have called and ye have refused I have stretched out my hand and no man regardeth But ye have set at naught all my counsel and would none of my reproof I also will laugh at your calamity I will mock when your feareth cometh.

Can you imagine that? Can you imagine when you keep rejecting god's counsel and put in your hand talk to the hand you ever see? The whole that phrase back then talk to the hand you ever see that? Well, that's what he's talking about here Rejecting god's counsel and then he says in verse 26 imagine this I also will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your feareth comes when your fear Cometh as a desolation and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind when the distress and anguish cometh upon you Then shall they call upon me But I will not answer They shall seek me early But they shall not find me For that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the lord They were none of my Counsel, they despised all my reproof therefore shall they eat Of their of the fruit of their own way And be filled with their own devices What a can you imagine that? What a shocking rebuke Man And that's the way we seem it right unto a man When he's doing it his own way when he's rejecting god's counsel And you know what what causes people to do that pride And no fear of god And when I mean fear of god, I mean there's no There's no awe. There's no recognizing who he is And let me just let me just tell you this he's the god of love He's the god of forgiveness He's the god of long suffering And he pours grace grace upon you When you turn to him So, how would you protect yourself against walking in the way which seemeth right unto you how How would you protect yourself from that? Because we can all find ourselves doing it Amen, we can all find ourselves quickly making our own decisions and forgetting to even call on god But how can we do that? Well the word of god teaches us Number three We must trust

in his guidance Trust in his guidance You know, and this is this scripture i'm gonna Tell you is it's been my life scripture proverbs chapter 3 verse 5 and 6 Amen This is my life scripture Trust in the lord with all thine heart And lean on unto thine own understanding In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path Do you know that there's a god that wants to help you There's a god that wants to protect you.

There's a god that wants to lead you in the right paths Instead of the way that seemeth right unto you And the first thing we find is we must trust in the god in his in his guidance We should be living our lives in such a way that That we are fully trusting the word of god in what it teaches You know, that's called that's called having a biblical worldview And god and god's word alone knows the right way To get you to the right end Isn't it true We must place our belief system wholly upon god and never trust our own judgment Are the precepts of man and that's what it's saying in proverbs chapter 3 verse 5 and 6 And in verse 6 it says in lean not The verb for lean depicts for us the picture that we should lean with our whole body on something That's holding us Like as if we're going to rest on it Like we're we're going to be supported by it and what does it say go back to Proverbs chapter 3 verse 5 It's what does it say? It says entrust the lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding What that means is you can't be supported you can't lean in and hold your all your your Your understanding to make that decision You should be leaning on god in his word for that And this is the kind of leaning that we should be doing upon god's word not ourselves Nor what nor on what we seem is right amen Look what it says in matthew matthew chapter 7 Matthew chapter 7 look what it says in verse 24 And some of you know these matthew chapter 7 verse 24 Says therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them. This is jesus And doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew And beat upon the house and the house it fell not for it was founded upon a rock And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth Them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand And the rain descended and the floods came And the winds blew and beat upon the house and it fell And great was the fall of it wow That almost reminds me of a proverbs chapter 1 amen so we see We see what the word of god says again turn to uh back to proverbs proverbs chapter 3 And I forgot this one Proverbs chapter 3 verse 5 and 6 We already saw but look what it says in verse 7 to 8 Now i'm going to say the whole thing again from proverbs chapter 5 I mean chapter 3 verse 5 says trust in the lord with all thine heart lean Unto thine own understanding and all thy ways acknowledge him And he shall direct that path but look at verse 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes Fear the lord and depart from evil It shall be held to thy navel and marrow to thy bones Don't you realize that there's a god that loves you and wants to bring you he wants to shepherd your life He don't want you following the the foolish people out there amen living for the world He has better things for you But also the word of god teaches us something else Number four that we must seek his wisdom It's good to know the word of god. It's good to study the word of god meditate on it And and follow it in our lives, but in james chapter 1 verse 5 It says if any any of you lack wisdom let him ask of god That giveth unto all men liberty You

And unbridled not and it shall be given him When it comes to a lack of wisdom just ask God How many times you get to a place and you don't know what you should be doing. You don't know What direction to go? Man, just stop Stop in your tracks And say god help me Give me wisdom to make the right decision And listen if if you say that And you believe it in your heart and you come in with with all your faith god Give me wisdom. Don't you think he's gonna bless you for that? This is the kind This is the kind of faith that god's looking for amen Where you would stop in your tracks and just ask him The bible clearly tells us that if we want to have wisdom and understanding Just ask god and he will give it to you This is a promise So, how do you do that? First of all you get in the word of god You study the word of god every day And you pray Amen two staples in a believer's life Study and pray And as

you do that on a consistent basis god's going to direct your path When you start leaning on his word and leaning on his promises He Is going to make the way straight for you And that's a guarantee And when you start rejecting the way of the world and rejecting the things that you want to do And you just keep following god trusting in his word And calling on him to give you wisdom and the decisions you need to make he is going to bless you for it And it has been said that And this is not my quote It has been said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Amen We all heard that And this could be interpreted the road to death Is walked by doing what? May seem right to a man Amen So don't live any longer in the way that seems right to you Live life by faith And trust in his word And live in a way that honors the lord in obedience to god and it will lead to life eternal and joy unspeakable Even in the midst of your trials god will give you the joy and the peace Because he's directing you right through the valleys. Amen And that's a blessing So don't do it your way Like frank sinatra saying trust in the lord with all thine heart And lean not unto thine own understandings But in all thy way acknowledge him Lord, I don't know which way to go. Please help me and he'll direct thy path Why don't we stand let's pray father we thank you Father I thank you for the word I thank you for that one soul.

Maybe who's for the first time listen to this And you spoke to them And they're seeking They're seeking their way the right paths And father, I pray that they would have gone through jesus. Jesus said I am the way the truth in the life No man come unto the father but by me john 14 6 father that soul who's seeking Father, I pray that you would be speaking to him right now We know what the word of god says that jesus The son of god left heaven and took upon himself a human body through a virgin birth only to live a perfect life And then go to a cross to die For a sinner And father that sinner who's here today As we're all sinners saved by grace. May he find grace in the gospel message in the death burial and resurrection May he call on jesus Recognizing he's a sinner and need to be forgiven And calling on jesus and saying lord jesus forgive me a sinner And lord, may you start him on the path of righteousness And we thank you for all that you're doing And this I pray in jesus name.

Amen