

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Sound Judgement

AM Sermon: Joe Murdock

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Deb Betti, the Morigeau family, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy.

Traveling/Working: Wyatt Couch, Tina Crawford, Steve and Abby

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV 1900)

Wisdom for Today: "Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; That I be not ashamed." Psalm 119:80 (KJV 1900)

PM Sermon: Michael Couch
Attendance Last Sunday - 66/44

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God's Plan of Salvation

HearRomans 10:17
 BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

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By: Joe Murdock

If I were to ask you what characteristic is helpful when dealing with difficult or stressful situations what would your answer be? One could think of patience another could say compassion and the list could grow and grow. While many of those characteristics are needed during times of difficulty, they seem to hinge on one crucial aspect and that is sound judgment. Sound judgement is a must in order to demonstrate those needed christian virtues. So we must ask what is a sound mind and what does it produce.

Psalm 119:80 KJV "Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed." Here we see that a sound heart (which is the inner man) towards the teachings of God allows one to not be ashamed. According to Strong's the word "sound" in Hebrew means integrity, truth- without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely, etc. Clearly we can understand then the necessity of being sound with the word of God. Simply put being sound in the teachings of God's word allows one to be without blemish because they have carefully handled the word of truth. **II Timothy 2:15 NKJV "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** Being of a sound mind will not only give the individual confidence in their own mind for making sound decisions but gives others confidence to approach them. Why? Because they rightly divide the word and use it to guide their decision making.

Proverbs 2:6-8 NKJV "For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints." Sound judgement leads to sound decisions because it is consistent with the mind of God. True wisdom comes from God alone. God allows sound wisdom to be used by those who are upright. What does that mean? Those who are faithful and sincerely seeking to make the right choice will always rely on God through prayer and study. To me this clearly means that sound judgement does not come from ourselves but must be taken from a higher form and that is the word of God. Remember God's will for us is to be right with him. **James 1:4-5 NKJV "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."** We also know that God gives heavenly gifts and those gifts are perfect. **James 1:16-18 NKJV "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."**

go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

How do we know if we have sound judgement or that sound judgement is being applied? Well is the decision making process coming through the means of God and His word? If we are making decisions without prayer, without proper study to apply the things learned then we are relying on ourselves. This always leads to decisions that are made off of emotions, personal experience and limited knowledge. However if we would humble ourselves and recognize that God's word is all sufficient to give us the wisdom to make sound decisions then things like gossip, resentment and takings sides would cease. **Romans 12:16 NKJV "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."** Unity is a must in a church that considers itself to be the bride of Christ. One mind is a sound mind because it is pure and not distorted.

The Bible has numerous examples of men and women who allowed their own desires to dictate or influence their decisions. Friends those decisions never worked out for the best, do we think that any different today? God wants us to have the best life possible. He has laid out the right way because He cares for us. He allowed His Son to die for us so that we can know that He first loved US! God has given us a brain to see and understand that sound judgement comes through His word. **Proverbs 8:12-14 NKJV "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength."** So as we move forward, let us move forward with prayer and study to be able to have that heavenly wisdom that leads to making sound fruitful decisions.

Schedule of Events

Men's Meeting [TODAY](#), immediately following AM services. This is an important meeting and all the men are encouraged to attend.