



The Caller

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Confidence Comer John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Comer* we want to examine the benefit for the Christian of studying the book of Proverbs. Though James provides us with a very practical book of wisdom in the New

Testament, Paul writes that "whatsoever things that were written aforetime, were written for our learning" (Rom. 15:4). Since this is the case, we can benefit greatly from a book of wisdom that comes from One who has always existed and thus has all wisdom and knowledge there is to know.

When you begin reading the book of Proverbs, the book itself, reveals a number of reasons why anyone who desires to follow God would benefit from His instruction. Consider just these few reasons of how the Proverbs serves those who seek to follow God:

1. They teach wisdom and self-control, giving true understanding
2. They will teach you how to be smart and self-controlled, whatever is honest and fair and right.
3. To those who have only a little knowledge they give the ability to think—knowledge and good sense to inexperienced young people.
4. A wise person should also listen to them and learn even more. Even very intelligent people will find prudent advice in these words.
5. Then they will be able to understand wise words—interpreting the words of wise men and their hidden meanings.

All Christians—whether old or young—can benefit from a study of the book of Proverbs. I am using this book as the basis for the morning devotion I do for Emaleigh while she is at FHU. In this way, I can learn as I study and write the devotional to her, and she can study and learn by reading the text and associated devotional. Who knows, maybe you too will at sometime do such a study.

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This past weekend the youth group had the opportunity to make the trip to Pigeon Forge in Tennessee for Challenge Youth Conference. This was the 19th

year for this conference. Over the years teenagers have heard from a number of preachers and public speakers. All of them have a passion for spreading the gospel. It was a wonderful opportunity for the kids. Thank you to all of the parents who helped make the trip possible, as well as thank you to the kids who took time out of their weekend to grow spiritually.

This year's theme was Unashamed. In the society we live in it is easy for kids to be ashamed of their beliefs. Everywhere they look there are things that go against what they read about in the Bible. Lonnie Jones, one of the speakers, spoke about how confessing Jesus as the Son of God is more than just an admittance that He is the Son of God. Confession is a word that should describe our lifestyle. It's one thing to say that we believe in God and a whole different thing to live it. We should be living a life that shows that we aren't ashamed of the Gospel. It should leave people knowing what we believe and what we stand for. What will you do this week? Will you live a life that shows you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, or will you just say it?

*Mitchell's
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Mitchell Lockhart

Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — Thirsting for the Word of God
Numbers 20:7-13**

**P.M. — Minor Prophets, Part 1
Jonah 1:1-3**



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