

God's Wisdom

James speaks to us in common language. *The Message* says, "It's the way you live . . . that counts. . . . Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats" (3:13-17). His philosophy of life is easy to remember: "Live well, live wisely, live humbly."

Living well, for me, means being self-aware, noticing how my words and actions affect others. Is the result of my interaction with others a deepening of care and compassion? Recently I noticed that I was often comparing myself to others, coveting their experiences and the affection others had for them, and I felt those thoughts were wrong. I decided to pray these words each time I became aware of such thoughts: "Get thee behind me, Satan!"

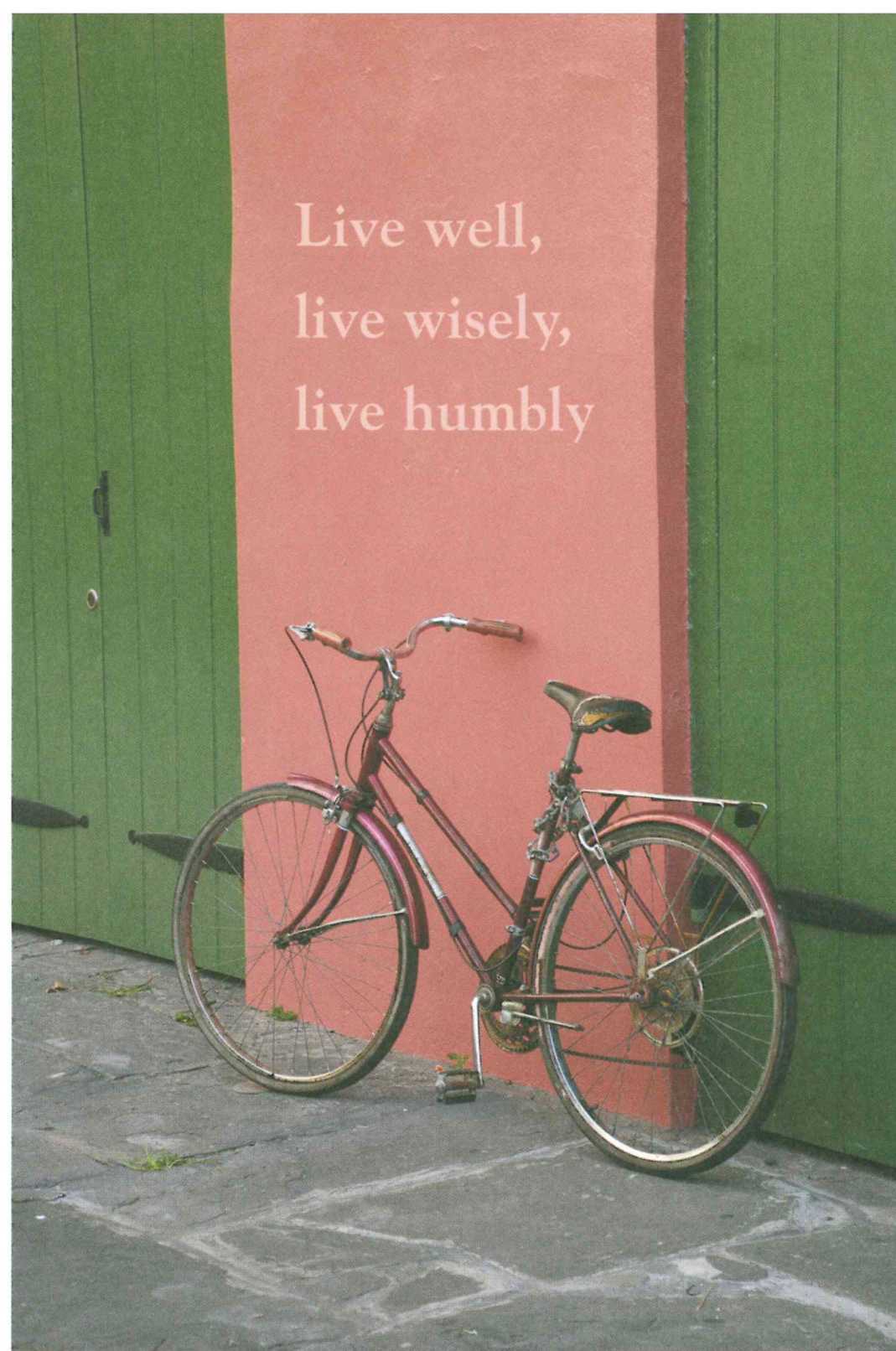
Living wisely comes with time and experience. After a season of practicing this prayer, I noticed a change in my response to others. When I heard about someone experiencing a special moment, I was happy for them. Only years later did I learn of this saying, attributed to several wise persons: "Comparison is the thief of joy."

Living humbly is a constant dance. I feel on top of the world when I am in control, doing what I want to do. And then there are avalanches of events in the world I have little control over that get me down. James addresses how we let go and seek God's wisdom: "Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. . . . So let God work his will in you" (4:1-2a, 7a).

—Beverly Eikenberry
North Manchester, Indiana

Text for today: "Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: *Live well, live wisely, live humbly*. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats. Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced" (James 3:13-17, *MSG*). **Bible readings for today:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (13); Mark 9:30-37.

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Worship 10:30 AM



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Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God.
—Hanover Mission Statement

Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAISE & WORSHIP AND PRAYER (Please stand if you are able)

“Across the Lands” Words on the Screen

OFFERING MEDITATION

As we come to this time of offering, we are always striving to grow stewards of God's gifts in this congregation. Paul addresses this in 2 Cor. 4:2 where he states, “..we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways and we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience.” Let us share what God has gifted us through the giving of our tithes and offerings. We also appreciate the support of those who are joining us online and encourage them to continue to support through their giving as they are able. The offering plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN Jeff Wolf
Sing Jesus Loves the Little Children (Red 421) as children come forward.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER “I Need Thee Every Hour” vs. 1 Red 514

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir

“Jesus is the Friend Who's Always There”

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible page 920

MESSAGE Pastor Gerry

“What Questions Do You Have For Jesus?”

*CLOSING HYMN “More About Jesus Would I Know” Red 396

*BENEDICTION

Leader: We have learned about Jesus' abundant love and encompassing grace for his children

All: Let us leave this place and go out into the world so that we might share his love with others. Let us go and share God's peace! Amen.

Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

We welcome each of you to our service today. We especially welcome any first time visitors and encourage you to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

Please make sure you have permission from individuals to share their names during joys and concerns or for placing in the bulletin. Thank you.

Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Ministers to All..... The Congregation
Preacher Pastor Gerry Godfrey
Worship Leader..... Pastor Dick Godfrey
Music Director/Pianist..... Roxie Schloyer
Organist..... Bev Wolff
Head Usher Roger Bollinger
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers Ed & Connie Morris
Bulletin Board Amanda Jacobs-Womer

Announcements

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - Please follow CDC guidelines for wearing a face mask inside the building. We have pews at the front of the sanctuary for physical distancing.

Church Yard Sale - September 25 Items such as furniture may be delivered through Wednesday. Baked goods may be delivered on Friday or the day of the sale.

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction - September 24 & 25. at the Lebanon Valley Expo. Pick up a flyer by the mailboxes. Help is needed at the auction, see Phyllis Fuhrman.

Grief Share - a 13 week small group that attempts to help those going through a season of loss. Please contact Pastor Gerry if you are interested.

Love Feast - October 3, 7 PM - a fellowship service is being planned without foot washing, but with a light snack meal and communion. Pick up your reminder post card from your mailbox TODAY. Thank you. Do you need childcare or have dietary restrictions? Please contact Sue Ambrosius, 717-451-8613.

Family Game Night - Friday, October 8, 6 to 8:30 PM. Our featured game will be 9 square. A light supper is provided. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game.

Fall Festival at Camp Eder - October 16, 10 AM to 3 PM. Meal served 11 to 2 with outdoor seating. How can you help? Volunteers needed on Friday and Saturday. Donations needed for live auction, baked goods, pies, or financial donations to help purchase items needed. Be a vendors or yard sale vendor. Application forms available on website www.campeder.org.

Hanover Area 45th CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 17, 3 or 1 mile Walk at Codorus State Park, Registration begins at 1 PM, St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church Annex. *Safety matters to us so you may join us or walk on your own or with your own team in your own neighborhood.* Contact Melissa Godfrey for information.

Fall Blood Drive - October 21, 2 to 7 PM. Call 1-800-771-0059 to schedule a time to donate.

Please Uplift in Prayer

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room C122

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

Charlie Sell - Room 126B

Normandie Ridge Sr. Living:

Norma Becker - Room 122A

Paramount Sr. Living:

Mae Hamme

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace:

Jake Berwager - Room 444

Dean Brodbeck - Room 523A

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan / Others: Ben Bollinger, Pat & Don Conrad, June Dennis, Fred Markle, Betty Stockslager, Nancy Yingling, Amber Shaw, Dave Cover, Lois McCormick, Janice Snyder, Carol; Sympathy to the Worley family on the death of Lois on 9/12.

Church Activities This Week

Sunday, September 19 Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Information due for October Newsletter

Monday through Friday Set-up for Church Yard Sale

Monday, September 20..... Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal - 6:45 PM

AlAnon - 7 PM

Tuesday, September 21 AA - 8 PM

Wednesday, September 22 Newsletter Assembling - 2 PM

Bible Study & Prayer Group - 6 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM

Friday, September 24..... AA - 6 PM

Saturday, September 25..... Church Yard Sale - 7 AM to 2 PM

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 26 Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship/Baptism - 10:30 AM

Monday, September 27 PAL at HACC

Thursday, September 30..... Council Meeting Reports due to office

Saturday, October 2 Deacons Prep for Love Feast - 9 AM

Sunday, October 3..... Love Feast - 7 PM

Our Faithful Stewardship - September 12, 2021

Attendance: Sunday School - 29 Worship - 67

Giving: General Fund - \$2,986.50

Sound System Fellowship Hall - \$1,241