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Community Groups – Join one Today!

For more information about group meeting times and locations, please visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org.

Student Community Group: Meeting at Culbertson's Home – Contact Justin at justin.j.culbertson@gmail.com with any questions.

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

Missionary Toolbox:

WITHOUT FEAR IN GOD, WE CANNOT REST SATISFIED: *The fear of the Lord leads to life and whoever has it rests satisfied; (s)he will not be visited by harm. (Proverbs 19:23)*

Life is found in the shadow of the cross. He gave His all for us and somehow, we still find ourselves devising contingency plans, straying from the place of freedom and forgiveness to seek what feels like life found in the arms of another – be it another man, another bite, another drink, another dollar, or another substitute savior. We are told that whoever has fear of the Lord rests satisfied. When we find ourselves wandering about in the arms of another lover, it is because we have no fear of the Lord. We do not fear a holy and righteous God who has no tolerance for sin – we just want what we want. Right. Now. Satisfaction comes purely and solely from knowing there is nothing else that compares to living our lives in submission to his glory.

NO HARM IN HIM: As women who fear the Lord, we will not find harm. To a woman who truly loves and fears the Lord, harm is singularly defined as being in a situation where God is not near. We will never find ourselves there. As His daughters, we are never outside of God's sovereignty, Christ's righteousness and the Holy Spirit's comfort. I know that often harm feels as though it will overtake and crush us. In those moments, we must fight. Ironically, it is in those times that the quiet, gentle spirit of a woman that is pleasing to God (1 Peter 3) must come alive.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT THINGS: Fighting might look like actively proclaiming the gospel of Truth to yourself, combating your deceived heart and determined enemy with a vengeance. Fighting may look like full and utter submission, resting in the power and provision of the Lord to sustain you. Harm, as defined by the absence of God, will not touch the woman who fears the Lord.

REST IN REPENTANCE: Repentance begins with God-focused worship. Turn your back from worshipping yourself and the empty places you have sought life. Be enveloped in the forgiving and loving arms of your Father who waits to be gracious to you (Is. 30:18). Pray for a marriage that is truly grounded in the gospel. It starts with recognizing that the scariest place to be is away from Him and the safest, most peaceful and joyous place to be is holding hands with Dad. - Jen Smidt, "A Warning to Women" <http://theresurgence.com/2011/07/19/a-warning-to-women>

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. Review Pastor Jacob's definition for wisdom: "the application of knowledge that is glorifying to God and beneficial to others." What does it mean for a wise woman to "build her house"? Does this pertain to only wives and mothers?
3. What are some "foolish" ways that a woman "tears down" her own house? Consider the women described in Proverbs:
 - a. Foolish Woman (Prov. 9:13) Why are these traits destructive?
 - b. Promiscuous Woman (Prov. 23:26-28) In what way is this woman "a deep pit" or "a narrow well"? For whom? How do these verses show premeditation?
 - c. Quarrelsome Woman (Prov. 25:24 and 27:15-16) How does a quarrelsome woman act? Contrast with the woman of 1 Peter 3:1-6.
 - d. Embarrassing Woman (Prov. 11:22) What is a woman "without discretion" like? Read Prov. 31:30 and review 1 Peter 3:1-6. What are the characteristics of a beautiful woman?
 - e. Moody Woman (Prov. 21:9, 19) Why is "moodiness" a problem? What do you think is its prescription?
 - f. Flirtatious Woman (Prov. 5:3) What does it mean for words to "drip with honey" and for speech to be "smoother than oil"? What's the result for a man that succumbs to her (v.4)? What should a woman's speech be like? (Prov. 31:26)
4. Who is the woman that is to be praised (Prov. 31:30-31)? How do we know she "fears the Lord"? What does it mean to "fear the Lord"?
5. In what ways can men lovingly encourage and support the women in their lives toward wise living?

Living on Mission

1. Men: Who are the significant women in your life (wife, mom, daughter, grandmother, sister, sister in the faith...)? In what ways is God using you to lovingly build them up as they "build their homes"? Are there any ways you are contributing to the "tearing down" of houses?
2. Women: Are you "building your house" wisely? What is your blueprint for building? Is it just the way you were taught? The opinions of others? The culture or media? Or is it God's Word?
3. Can you think of ways in which your mom (or a woman of significance to you) has built wisely? Are you willing to forgive her for times she might have built foolishly? How might you "give her the fruit of her hand and let her works praise her in the gates"?

This Week's Reading:

Monday: Proverbs 14:1 and 31:31

Tuesday: Proverbs 5:3, 11:22 and 23:26-28

Wednesday: Proverbs 25:24 and 27:15-16

Thursday: Proverbs 9:13 and 21:9,19

Friday: 1 Peter 3:1-6

Saturday: Proverbs 31:30 and Luke 1:46-50

Additional Resources: (For Moms or "Someday" Moms)

Give Them Grace: *Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* by Elyse Fitzpatrick