



Proverbs for Daily Living (Part-9)
Proverbs on Godly Counsel
Sunday March 22, 2026 – Sermon Outline

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Today – last message in this series: Proverbs on Godly Counsel

IMPORTANCE OF GODLY (RIGHT) COUNSEL

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

Proverbs 20:18

Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

Proverbs 24:6

For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

RECEIVING COUNSEL

Proverbs 1:5



A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

GIVING COUNSEL

Proverbs 12:20

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

Those who plan evil and harm operate from a heart of deceit and deception. Their intent is to deceive so that they can bring harm.

But counselors (advisers, planners, influencers) who want peace ("shalom"), wholeness and total well-being for people bring joy to those they counsel.

We can bring lasting joy to people as we counsel, advise, and influence people towards their peace (wholeness, total well-being).

And not only do we bring them joy – we too, receive joy – when we see others experience “shalom”, total well-being.

BIBLICAL APPROACH TO COUNSELING

Proverbs 20:5

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.

This verse is rich in meaning and can guide us in working with people (counseling people).

The Hebrew could literally be rendered as: “Deep within a person lie carefully formed thoughts and purposes, like water at the bottom of a well; a discerning person knows how to patiently bring them to the surface.”

People’s real thoughts and wisdom lie deep inside them, but someone with true understanding knows how to help bring them to the surface.

“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water”



Counsel = thoughts, intentions, wisdom, motives, plans, or inner reasoning. The Hebrew word actually refers to deeply formed inner wisdom or motives.

A person's inner thoughts are deep water - hidden below the surface. You cannot immediately see what someone truly thinks or feels. People often carry unspoken wisdom, unresolved struggles, dreams or fears. God-given insight they themselves may not fully understand. Just as deep wells hold valuable water, the human heart holds valuable insight, but it isn't obvious. People are deeper than they appear.

"But a man of understanding will draw it out"

A person of understanding is someone who has wisdom, discernment, patience, good listening, spiritual sensitivity. The word "understanding" here literally means "to discern between." "Draw it out" pictures pulling water from a well - slowly and intentionally. The Hebrew word for "draw" implies patience, repeated effort, gentleness, intentional engagement. This means such a person can ask thoughtful questions, listen carefully, create safety and trust, help others articulate what is inside them. They help hidden thoughts become clear.

People need help discovering their own hearts and what God is doing within them. Many people don't fully understand themselves, struggle to express what they feel, carry buried wisdom or pain. Understanding leaders, counselors, pastors, or friends help bring this out and give clarity to what a person has within. This is what good counselors will do. Good counselors listen more than speak. They draw out slowly rather than forcing answers.

THE COUNSEL OF A TRUE FRIEND

Proverbs 27:9

Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.

This proverb compares physical fragrance with relationship and counsel. In Bible times, ointment and perfume were used to soothe the skin and represented joy and restoration. We recognize how pleasant fragrance/smell lifts the heart (whole being, human spirit) instantly.

Hearty counsel refers to thoughtful advice, wise guidance, intentional insight. Not shallow advice or polite agreement, but counsel flowing from genuine inner care.



Just as fragrance refreshes the body instantly, deep friendship refreshes another's soul through the hearty counsel that is given.

COUNSEL TO AVOID

Proverbs 12:5

The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

GOD'S COUNSEL

Proverbs 3:32

For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

God shares His counsel with those who walk uprightly before Him.

Proverbs 19:21

There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

Our desire is to receive God's counsel. His counsel can come to us through His Word, through His Spirit and even through godly people who He uses to speak into our lives. As we follow God's counsel, we know His counsel always succeeds, is always good. His counsel will stand.

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *one or more Scripture texts listed below*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Discuss the importance of receiving godly counsel based on Proverbs 11:4; 15:22, 19:20, 20:18.



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2, Discuss the joy of bringing good godly counsel to people as given in Proverbs 12:20

3, Discuss the Biblical approach to counseling as given in Proverbs 20:5

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We unpack and discover what Proverbs teaches on the importance of receiving counsel, the importance of receiving counsel, the joy of giving good godly counsel. We also dig deep into a profound verse Proverbs 20:5 that teaches us the Biblical approach to counseling - it is bringing out the hidden thoughts, wisdom, etc. from within the person. We understand the counsel of a true friend, the kind of counsel to avoid and the counsel that comes from God. We draw practical wisdom principles that guide us in daily living. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

KEYWORDS

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