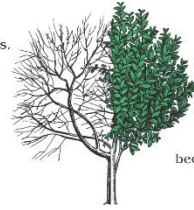


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Wisdom for Doing Good | Proverbs 11:17

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We continued in our series in Proverbs by looking at the wisdom of doing good through the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus.

R E A D

Proverbs 11:17; Luke 19:1-10; Luke 5:27-32

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

- 1) What connections do you see between Proverbs 11:17 and the story of Zacchaeus?

Throughout our series we have talked about the idea that we learn a lot about ourselves by how we respond to the light of truth. The wise run to the light, the foolish hide from the light, and the evil fight against the light.

- 2) What responses to the light of truth do you see in the various characters in the story? Where do you see wisdom at work?
- 3) Why do you think Zacchaeus responds the way he does in the story? What do you think happened?

There is a pattern we see in Zacchaeus's life that is found throughout the New Testament: First, we are brought out of hiding and captivated by God's goodness to us. Then, secondly, we feel motivated by the Holy Spirit to turn from foolishness/vice and practice the opposite virtue. Zacchaeus

doesn't just try hard to be less greedy, he instead starts to practice justice and generosity.

- 4) Where do you see this same pattern in your own life? In what ways do you feel Jesus calling you out of hiding? Which foolish things do you sense him asking you to replace with good and wise practices?

Jesus was good to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus responded by being good to the poor and those he had cheated.

- 5) How do you see this same flow of goodness happening in your own life?
- 6) Is there any obstacle stopping the flow of goodness in your life? How can you partner with Jesus in removing that obstacle?

R E S P O N D

Read the Proverb and the story of Zacchaeus a few times over. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit highlights for you to pay attention to.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for the places in your life where Jesus may be calling you out of hiding. Pray for wisdom in turning to good and wise practices.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.



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