



Mariner's **DISCOVERY** Church

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Program for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Fill My Cup*

Raise a Hallelujah

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

Announcements for Sunday 10/19/2025

- Thanks for joining our Worship Service today....
- **PLEASE NOTE: IN LIGHT OF THE WEATHER CHANGING, BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD INDOORS, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE.**
- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THIS WED. OCTOBER 22nd at 6:00 P.M.** here at the Fellowship House. We're studying Chapter 13 in the book of 1st Corinthians. You can also join online. Just go to our website at WWW.OurMDC.org and click on the Bible Study box. A copy of the study guide is on the back table.
- **Please signup to volunteer for the Christmas Tree Lot beginning Saturday, November 22nd.**

There are 2 signup sheets on the information table.

We still need drivers and helpers to deliver trees to customers.

- We're kicking off "Operation Christmas Child". Gift Boxes are available at the information table. If you would like to be a co-ordinator, please let the Pastor or a Board member know.
- If you have any prayer requests, please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

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Adoration: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Selected Scripture reading: Proverbs

Message: *The Long Game of Wisdom*

Affirmation: *Child of Love*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected Scriptures:

Proverbs 2:7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;

He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,

But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.

Proverbs 10:9 He who walks in integrity walks securely,

But he who perverts his ways will be found out.

Proverbs 28:6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity

Than he who is crooked though he be rich.

Proverbs 20:7 A righteous man who walks in his integrity —

How blessed are his sons after him.

Proverbs 19:1 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity

Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool.

Proverbs 28:18 He who walks blamelessly will be delivered,

But he who is crooked will fall all at once.

Proverbs 13:6 Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless,

But wickedness subverts the sinner.

Proverbs 15:26 Evil plans are an abomination to the Lord,

But pleasant words are pure.

Proverbs 21:8 The way of a guilty man is crooked,

But as for the pure, his conduct is upright.

Proverbs 24:8-9 One who plans to do evil,

Men will call a schemer.

9 The devising of folly is sin,

And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

Proverbs 29:10 Men of bloodshed hate the blameless,

But the upright are concerned for his life.

Proverbs 3:33-35 The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked,

But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers,

Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

35 The wise will inherit honor,

But fools display dishonor.

Proverbs 10:3 The Lord will not allow the righteous to hunger,

But He will reject the craving of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:22 It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich,

And He adds no sorrow to it.

Proverbs 10:24-25 What the wicked fears will come upon him,

But the desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,

But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

Proverbs 11:21 Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,

But the descendants of the righteous will be delivered.

Proverbs 11:27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,

But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.

Proverbs 11:30-31 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who is wise wins souls.

31 If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways,
But a good man will be satisfied with his.

Proverbs 14:22 Will they not go astray who devise evil?
But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Proverbs 17:13 He who returns evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.

Proverbs 18:3 When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,
And with dishonor comes scorn.

Proverbs 19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And blows for the back of fools.

Proverbs 21:12 The righteous one considers the house of the wicked,
Turning the wicked to ruin.

Proverbs 21:16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.

Proverbs 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty
Finds life, righteousness and honor.

Proverbs 22:8 He who sows iniquity will reap vanity,
And the rod of his fury will perish.

Proverbs 26:1 Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest,
So honor is not fitting for a fool.

Proverbs 26:3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
And a rod for the back of fools.

Proverbs 26:27 He who digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.

Friday Devotional: Psalm 27:8 When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"Your face, O Lord, I shall seek."

Money has power. What are some takeaways?

Money promises false security/ significance. What is our attitude?

- Money cannot buy the things that make life worthwhile.
- Money can serve you well if you keep it in perspective.
- If you live for money, it will harden your heart.
- Choose to live within the standard of living God makes possible for you.
- Cultivate gratitude for what God has given you rather than ingratitude for what he has not given you.
- Be generous with your money, giving to the needs of the ministry and others.
- "Giving" is the only antidote for selfishness.
- Contentment is a virtue, and the insatiable lust for "more" is a vice. Solomon warns us to put our hopes not in money but in our Lord and the truth he reveals in his Word.

There is a long game to Wisdom

- God is not distant but sovereign and generous in dispensing wisdom.
- God protects as a gracious response to integrity.
- Wisdom goes beyond “just the facts.”
- Upright is not flawless, but forward leans toward God.
- However, uprightness unlocks the hidden riches of the wisdom of God for daily decision navigation.
- God shows both sides (integrity and crookedness).
- Integrity acts as guide (like a shepherd’s staff or lamp).
- Treacherousness (betrayal, duplicity, faithlessness) is self-destruction. Their schemes boomerang, leading to isolation, ruin, or divine exposure.
- Moral alignment aligns with the character of God, that yields guidance and stability.
- Integrity is the non-negotiable GPS for making decisions, in both business and relationships.
- Integrity is a quiet compass that points true north when things feel obscured.
- A life of integrity is a journey.
- Deceitfulness will be inevitably found out.
- Our social media centered culture is deficient in both authenticity and transparency.
- It is important that my heart and my habits are aligned.
- It is the Holy Spirit Who enables the ability to walk straight.
- The Image of God (Imago Dei) gives all humans both worth and dignity (not from riches).
- True riches (wisdom) are spiritual.
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- Walking is a lifestyle of decisions with integrity.
 - This pre-figures Christ Who was the ultimate Righteous Walker.

- Wisdom is not a one and done event. It is a daily walk.
- This sows a lifestyle that the children can decide to emulate.
- Comparison: Internal malice versus external purity.
- Our hearts and mouth need to be aligned in purity.
- God does not abhor us. God abhors evil plans.
- Thoughts birth tongues that reflect the condition of the heart.
- This is a person who has habitual scheming thoughts.
- Thinking harm brands you as a shadow self.
- Wickedness will wither either in the near term in light of wisdom or in the final judgment.
- Believers are called to blameless resilience and proactive protection.
- The upright will be hated for being blameless. Expect it.
- Contrasting the legacy of the honorable and dishonorable.
- God curses and blesses.
- God extends grace to the afflicted.
- God allows or rejects based on heart alignment.
- The wicked's rejected craving can be applied to evil pursuits that are like evil addictions.
- God is sovereign over blessings, and this is not a promise of worldly wealth.
- We can experience the peace of Jesus (John 14:27).
- The riches identified as being from God are sorrow-free.
- God is sovereign in judgment and vindication.
- Whirlwind trials test foundations.
- Upright endure as anchors amidst instability.
- This anticipates Jesus Christ as the ultimate Righteous One, whose cross punishes evil (2 Corinthians 5:21), and delivers us through spiritual adoption (Galatians 3:29; Romans 8:15-17). There will be judgment (Matthew 25:46) which means universalism is not true.
- We are called to ethical integrity as a amidst a culture whose sorrow is expressed at getting caught, rather than doing wrong or harming others.
- Wisdom calls us to proactive virtue.
- "Seeks" is to probe. Seeking shapes destiny.
- We can glorify God as the Ultimate Object of our pursuits. This can transform our human quests into divine quests.
- Righteousness that is fruitful participates with God in life.
- This pre-figures Jesus Christ as the Tree of Life incarnate.
- Winning souls takes intentionality. Using questions and discussions in conversations to create eternal impact.
- Echoes principle of sowing and reaping.
- Backsliding is internal drift, turning from the way of God toward self-will.
- Backsliders will reap the consequences of those choices, which could include emptiness, regret, or escalating folly.
 - Jeremiah 17:9, the heart is deceitful above all else...
- Devising evil leads to going astray.
- Devising good leads to kindness and truth.

- This is more sowing and reaping.
- God can pacify my pursuers.
- God can still the strife in my life.
- There is a Divine moral order, and returning evil for good violates the way that God is.
- Evil echoes eternally, until God steps in.
- But returning good for evil is exactly what Jesus Christ has done.
- Wicked man, contempt, dishonor; today is the online troll.
- It can apply to toxic relationships or toxic workplaces or toxic environments.
- Another sow and reap verse.
- Self-inflicted wounds from ignored corrections.
- Being righteous and able to discern wickedness is a safeguard.
- Another sow and reap verse.
- Find ways to alert to personal wanderings from the way of God and get back on the path of an intimate relationship.
- Another sow / reap verse.
- Find a way to render something that easily rages into rubbish.
- Snow makes no sense in the summer, Rain in the harvest damages crops. Honoring a fool is inappropriate. It creates a harmful model.
- Fool may believe the compliments, which will make the fool worse!
- Horses and donkeys do not listen to words of wisdom.
- Fools only pay attention to force.
- Deceit boomerangs on the deceitful.

Takeaways to the long game to Wisdom

- Integrity will be found out.
- Lack of integrity will be found out.
- The long game of integrity tells us that it can impact our lives tremendously.
- We do not always know the ways that integrity impacts us or our relationships.
- Both God and others will come to our aid if we live lives of integrity.
- What is my greatest area of temptation to cheat on integrity?
- What is the most important step I can to enlist the Holy Spirit to strengthen me in that area?
- Have I seen how integrity has played out to help me in my life?
- Have there been times when a lack of integrity hurt me?

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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