

Wednesday Word

Psalm 119:9 “How does a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.”

One of my favorite family movies is a Disney film from 2002 called “Max Keebles Big Move.” In this story an 8th grade boy is told by his parents that they have to pick up and move due to his father’s job. Max has about a week’s notice and then they are gone. What happens next is lighthearted and family fun.

Max launches a plan to get back at everyone who has bullied him in school and has given him a hard time including the principal who Max feels picks on him because he is small. Meanwhile, that same principal is in the process of devising a scheme of his own to butter up the superintendent (who is a former football star) that will be retiring in a few years because the principal wants the superintendent’s job.

When Max and his friends launch a series of fun-loving pranks and stunts (because Max has no consequences because he is moving) it happens to be at the same time as the principal’s own plan to have the school run at top level perfection to impress the visiting superintendent. The two agendas clash and result in food-fight, a petting zoo getting loose in the school, floods, and general chaos from the student body.

The movie wraps up with Max not moving and him having to apologize to everyone with many life lessons learned. While it is just a fun-loving family movie, there is some truth behind it. So many times, we have our own personal agendas and personal intentions that clash with those around us even when we are moving in the same direction. Even in the church we can have different agendas and motives. These will often collide and create frustration and contempt.

How do we align our intentions and agendas together? We must capture God’s Agenda and perspective from his word. We must seek God in prayer and ask him what his intentions are for our family, marriage, church, business and the like.

Our agenda will be pure when we live our life according to the word of God and the principals it teaches.

Let’s consider these thoughts this week.

I love you and God loves you

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