

OPC- Other People's Crazy – Life

What makes other people's life Crazy?

Relationships. Proverbs 14:6-9, 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Our choices. Proverbs 11:27

Our focus. Proverbs 3:21-23, Proverbs 4:24-26

Finances. Proverbs 17:15-16, Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:10

God's instructions for helping others.

We are part of one Body. Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 2:21-22, 4:1-6

We are to encourage others. 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13

We are to be a light to others. Matthew 5:13-16

We are to carry others' burdens. Galatians 6:2

God's remedy for OPC.

You are not responsible for other people's actions only your response. Proverbs 12:18

Trust that God is at work. Galatians 6:7-8, Luke 5:31

Keep positive people in your life to build perspective. Proverbs 22:24-25

Set healthy time and resource boundaries. Mark 1:35-37

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with a life group and continue to grow by using these study questions this week.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Who was your first childhood friend?

What do you remember most fondly about that relationship?

DIGGING DEEPER

What part of Sunday's message did you find challenging?

What part did you find most helpful?

One aspect of dealing with challenging relationships is to have healthy Christ centered relationships.

Review the following passages, what truths can you learn about friendships.

Proverbs 17:17

2 Corinthians 6:14

Proverbs 18:24

Romans 14:15

Wisdom is a key tool God gives us in relationships.

Read Proverbs 1:7

What does it mean to fear the lord?

How is this the beginning of wisdom?

Read the following passages. What do they tell us about wisdom?

1 Kings 3:9

James 1:5

Psalms 119:97-98

Ecclesiastes 8:1

Reflect on this session of your life group. How has joining a life group helped your grow in wisdom?

What encouragement have you gained for sharing your life with others?

Take it home

God's wisdom is the foundation for all of the relationships in our lives.

Proverbs clearly reminds us that we are all walking down the road of life, a road with two branches. The one chosen by the wise produces joy, happiness, and a meaningful existence as well as an eternal hope. The other chosen by the foolish brings about heartache, sorrow, and ultimate destruction. There is clearly no middle ground. Proverbs teaches us five uses of wisdom: (1) to acknowledge God as the Creator and Sustainer of the world; (2) to repent of our sin and to trust in God as Lord and Savior; (3) to so order our lives in accordance with His will that His love will clearly be reflected in our relationships with our families, friends, neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies; (4) to teach these precepts diligently to our children both in word and in deed; and (5) to praise God for the fullness and joy that He provides along life's way.

There are 31 chapters in proverbs. Read one chapter a day for a month to grow in the wisdom of the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS