

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB** *BOOK #3*

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ~Psalm 1:2

A stylized landscape illustration. The top half features a dark blue sky with a large, semi-circular sun in shades of orange and yellow. Below the sun are rolling hills in shades of yellow and green. The bottom half of the image is a solid dark blue background.

# **Way of Wisdom**

**Listening and Following:  
a Sheep's Response**

# Listening to God and Following Him: A Sheep's Response



Review and recite the following key verses and motto.

## Key Verses: Proverbs 3:21b-23

*<sup>21</sup>Keep sound wisdom and discretion, <sup>22</sup>so they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck. <sup>23</sup>Then you will walk in your way securely and your foot will not stumble.*

**Motto:** Remembering God's Words while we are young

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Review and recite the following verses.

## John 14:15

*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

## Exodus 20:3

*You shall have no other gods before me.*

## Exodus 20:4-5

*You shall not make for yourself an idol. . . . For I . . . am a jealous God.*

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Review and recite the following verses.

## Exodus 20:7

*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

## Exodus 20:8

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

## Exodus 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother.*

## Exodus 20:13

*You shall not murder.*

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## Exodus 20:14

*You shall not commit adultery.*

## Exodus 20:15

*You shall not steal.*

## Exodus 20:16

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

## Exodus 20:17

*You shall not covet.*

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We have learned ten of God's Laws. How well do we keep these laws? Have any of us ever kept them perfectly?

Review and recite the following verses.

## James 2:10

*For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

Other Bible passages also describe man's sinfulness.

## Isaiah 53:6

*All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.*

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Review and recite the following verses.

## Romans 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup>*As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one. <sup>11</sup>There is none who understands [on his own], there is none who seeks for God.*

<sup>12</sup>*All have turned aside, together they have*

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*become useless; there is none who does good,  
there is not even one.*

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Since the Bible describes people as sheep who have gone astray, is there anything that can be done to correct our wrong paths? Yes, there is. We need to follow the right Shepherd. Who is the right Shepherd?

**Review and recite the following verses.**

**John 10:11** [Jesus is speaking]

*I am the Good shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

The Good Shepherd laid down His life for our sins. God put all of our sin on Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

**Isaiah 53:6**

*All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.*

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Jesus knows who all belong to Him, because they are doing two things:

- 1) They listen to Him
- 2) They follow Him

**Review and recite the following verses.**

## **John 10:27-29**

*<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;*

*<sup>28</sup>and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

*<sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

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**Bible Reading Assignment: Read John 10:14-31 and answer the following questions.**

1. Who is speaking in this chapter?

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2. People respond in different ways to what Jesus was teaching them. What were their responses (vv. 19-21, 31)?

v. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 21 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 31 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the phrase “that I might take it again” mean (vv. 17-18)?

4. What is the first thing Jesus wants His sheep to do (vv. 25-26)?

5. What does Jesus give as proof that someone is one of His sheep (v. 27)?

6. What does Jesus give to His sheep (v. 28)?

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As I dreamed, I saw a man named Evangelist turn and look down a road. In the distance, a man was approaching. He was certainly taking his time.

As he walked up, Evangelist greeted him politely, and they began to talk. They talked for a few moments, and I learned that the man's name was Randy.

"Where are you going?" asked Evangelist.

"Oh, nowhere in particular. I just go where the women are."

"And why is that?"

The young man laughed mockingly with a shameful laugh. "What do you mean why? Everyone needs a little now and then."

Evangelist answered him gravely. "Are you speaking of fornication?"

"Fornication? You make it sound like a disease! Sex is a normal and healthy thing."

Evangelist replied, "To be sure, sex is normal and healthy. But I wasn't talking about sex, I was talking about fornication."

Randy laughed again. "And what's the difference?"

"Fornication happens when two people are not married. Adultery occurs when a marriage commitment is violated. But sexual activity within the boundary of marriage is something that God honors."

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“You’re not religious, are you? What does God have to do with sex?”

“He invented it. That’s like asking what Thomas Edison has to do with light bulbs.”

“What do you mean?”

“I mean that God is the one who designed sex in the first place.”

“Then why do you Christians have such a thing about sex? You’re always saying who should be sleeping with whom and who shouldn’t.”

Evangelist replied, “Just because one is against someone else twisting a good thing to make it bad, it doesn’t mean that he or she is against the thing that is good. Let me give you an example. If someone wanted to draw a mustache on the Mona Lisa, would that be an act of vandalism?”

“Of course it would.”

“If you had the opportunity to stop such an act, would you?”

“Certainly.”

“Would you step in as a friend of art or as an enemy of it?”

“As a friend.”

“But suppose the person who tried to draw the mustache claimed you were an enemy of all that is beautiful. How would you answer him?”

“I would not need to answer him. His argument would be absurd.”

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“Exactly so. Absurd is the right word. And if you have understood the argument, you will stop accusing Christians of being the enemy of the thing they desire to protect. Sexual immorality destroys a very great gift of God. Immorality is vandalism.”

Randy retorted, “If that is so, then why are you Christians so hush-hush about the whole subject? If you think it is so wonderful, why don’t you talk about it more?”

“It is clear you don’t know very many Christians.”

Randy paused for a moment, considering the point. Evangelist’s argument may have made some sense to him, because he tried to take the offensive again.

“Look, you religious types are all alike. You look down your noses at people having a good time, and you’re envious. You wish you could get a little action. But you can’t because of all your rules. So you cram your rules down our throats.”

Evangelist smiled and slowly shook his head. “I will not defend the rules; they are not mine to defend, they are God’s. He can apply and defend them much better than me.”

Randy’s laughter started to sound nervous, and he looked troubled.

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“I just couldn’t live like you do. I want to spend my time around pretty women.”

This time it was Evangelist’s turn to laugh, but there was no mocking in it. “Then why do you spend time with women who are not? My wife is a beautiful woman and her beauty begins on the inside. I have never been ashamed of her. I would be very ashamed indeed to be involved with a woman who was willing to be used as a thing.”

By this time Randy looked very uncomfortable. He was looking at the ground, and he started to move away.

“I really need to be going,” he said.

Evangelist put a gentle hand on his arm.

“Before you go, may I ask you one question?”

“Go ahead.”

“You have a habit, and that habit has made you a slave to your lusts. That is understandable. But why do you boast in being a slave?”

Randy looked at Evangelist for a moment. He was obviously thinking hard.

“If I come back here later, will you be here?”

“If God is willing.”

“You say that I am a slave to sin. Do you know how slaves can be set free?”

“I do.”

“I need some time to think. I may be back.”

With that, Randy turned and slowly began to

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walk down the road. It was clear that, for the first time in many years, a completely different kind of desire had come over him. (Slightly adapted from Douglas Wilson, *Persuasions*.)

### Answer the following questions:

1. Randy realized that the sin he was “playing with” was actually his master. How does sin rule us?
2. According to Evangelist, where does true beauty begin?
3. Sin often shows itself when we take a gift from God and use it in a way or at a time that God did not intend. What good gift from God was Randy abusing?

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