

IV. SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_ (23:21)

- A. Addictions promise things, but do not \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
“18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning;  
Let us delight ourselves with love.  
19 For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey;  
20 He has taken a bag of money with him, And will come home on the appointed day.  
21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.  
22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the laughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,  
23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life.”  
Proverbs 7:18-23

- B. Addictions \_\_\_\_\_ to consequences.  
“29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
30 They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.  
31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.  
32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”  
Proverbs 1:29-33

“For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.”  
Proverbs 24:16

**MAKE WISDOM YOUR LIFE GOAL!**

**Do you need to wise up about addictions?**

“5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.  
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,” James 1:5-6a

**WISE UP**

**Wise Up About Addictions**

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**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Wise up and live well!!  
“7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.  
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.” Proverbs 4:7-8  
Wisdom is discerning and doing the will of God.
- B. This teaching series is based on the book of Proverbs.
- The theme of Proverbs is \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is mentioned dozens of times covering all the basic areas of life.
  - The writer of Proverbs is \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is the wisest person to ever live.
  - The nature of Proverbs is \_\_\_\_\_.  
They are short and concise statements of truth.
- C. In this series, you will you will learn how to wise up and live well.
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| Oct 21 | Wise Up About Decisions     |
| Oct 27 | Wise Up About Communication |
| Nov 3  | Wise Up About Sex           |
| Nov 10 | Wise Up About Relationships |
| Nov 17 | Wise Up About Money         |
| Nov 24 | Wise Up About Work          |
| Dec 1  | Wise Up About Conflict      |
| TODAY  | Wise Up About Addictions    |
| Dec 15 | Wise Up About Womanhood     |
- D. **Text:** Proverbs 23:19-21 (Pew Bible/Pg.606/Old Test.)

## HOW TO WISE UP ABOUT ADDICTIONS

### I. UNDERSTAND THE \_\_\_\_\_ (23:19)

- A. Addiction is about what is in your \_\_\_\_\_, not about what is in your \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”* Proverbs 4:23

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

Jeremiah 17:9

*“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Romans 10:9

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the cause of addiction.

*“36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”*

*37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

*38 This is the first and great commandment.”*

Matthew 22:36-38

*“who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”*

Romans 1:25

*“2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?”*

*6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.”’*

Ezekiel 14:2-3, 6

### II. AVOID THE \_\_\_\_\_ (23:20a)

- A. Your companions will determine your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.”*

Proverbs 13:20

*“Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”*

I Corinthians 15:33

- B. If you can’t change your companions, then you must \_\_\_\_\_ your companions.

*“10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. 15 My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;”*

Proverbs 1:10, 15

*“The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.”*

Proverbs 12:26

### III. IDENTIFY THE \_\_\_\_\_ (23:20b)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_

*“Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”*

Proverbs 20:1

See Proverbs 23:29-35

- B. \_\_\_\_\_

*“And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite.”*

Proverbs 23:2

*“whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.”*

Philippians 3:19