



LaKesha's Pen

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from our First Lady's sermon, "Walking in Wisdom."

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Yours in Christ,
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Failing to plan is planning to fail...

Do you have a plan for your life? Have you sat down and made a plan for your marriage, do you have a plan to raise your children, a plan to prevent addictive behaviors and a plan to stay out of debt? When you don't have a plan in place you will make yourself susceptible to lies. Lies that you will tell yourself such as "Just one more..." This is called justification or rationalizing (rational lies) why it will be ok to do a certain thing. It's ok to continue in this relationship, it's ok to take one more bite or just one more episode causing you to stay up late. In 1st Corinthians 6:12, it states all things are lawful, but not all provide a benefit. Are you deceiving yourself? Are you talking yourself into making bad decisions? Are you allowing Satan to whisper lies in your ear? **Ephesians 4:1** tells us how we are to live our lives; we are to walk worthy of the calling with which we were called. Beginning in **Ephesians 5:15** God inspired Paul to write that we are not to walk as fools but as the wise redeeming the time because the days are evil. We should be constantly asking ourselves "**What is the wise thing to do?**" Paul is saying we need to be conscious and paying close attention to the path we are walking. We need to be aware of undesirable influences. Pastor E. Julien shared a story about a married man and his single attractive female co-worker. How what started off as two co-workers working on a project together became border line inappropriate. How what started off truly innocent was leading these two people down a road of destruction. How lunch together and late work nights lead to this gentleman lying to his wife through omitting certain facts even though to some, it may seem as if he hadn't crossed any boundaries. As she unfolded the story to us we could all see the path the two people were heading down. So again, the question we should be asking is **what is the wise thing to do?** We often find ourselves asking these questions

instead; how do I feel or how can I not get caught. When we live a life asking these types of questions in the end we end up with this question, **how did I get into this mess?**

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful!

Paul not only writes this once but twice, in **1st Corinthians 10:23** Paul again tells us that all things are lawful but it doesn't mean it's helpful. Just because you can, doesn't necessarily mean you should! Our culture tells us to do it because it feels good. Not everything we shouldn't do is considered illegal. Some things are just down right unwise or stupid. In the story of the married man and the single woman co-worker there were a string of unwise choices that ended up in moral tragedy. **Proverbs 2:4-5**, states we must search out wisdom like a person searches out financial gain. There is only one source for wisdom and that comes from having a right relationship with God and learning to see things from His perspective. God alone is the reason why we were created and we must learn to trust Him. We must learn to lead and be guided through this life by His Word and the Holy Spirit. According to **Romans 8:6-7**, we must set our minds on the things of the Spirit. Like we set a clock with purpose and intent we must be purposeful in setting our minds on godly things. WWJD (What Would Jesus DO?) When we are lead by our 5 senses it leads to sin. **Proverbs 3:5-7** tells us to seek, trust and obey and in **James 1:22** it states, to be doers and not hearers only. If you don't do what you have heard then you are deceiving or fooling yourself. To think that we can experience change in our lives but to continue to make the same foolish choices is the definition of insanity. You are considered insane if you keep making the same decisions expecting different results!

LOOK AT ME!

There was a man who had two teenagers and a five year old son. Whenever the family had guests over, the five year old would love to become the center of attention. The man had warned his guests for the evening that his five year old son would begin to do things to get their attention but the plan was to ignore him at all cost. When his guests arrived, the 5 year old began his routine of being loud and obnoxious. When that didn't work he began to do cart wheels. When that didn't work he pulled out his loudest toys to get their attention but the adults kept on ignoring him. Finally he shouts, "LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME! WOULD SOMEBODY LOOK AT ME?" Sadly the boy in this story represents Wisdom. Wisdom shouts look at me but we often turn a blind eye to her calling. **Psalms 32:8**, states I will guide you. The very first place to begin learning wisdom and the biggest choice you can ever make is making Jesus your Savior and then allowing Him to be the Lord over your life! If you haven't made Jesus your Savior now is the time to confess your belief that He is the Son of God and He died for your sins and rose from the dead. He will one day return for us and you are glad to make Him the Lord over your life. You want to allow Him to come in

and transform your thinking and your living through His Word. Have you truly allowed Jesus to be the Lord over your life? Allow Him to tell you exactly what to do with your life.