

### 3.23.20 Meditation – Prov. 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Did you hear the Governor’s press conference today? By now, most of us know that we are under a “stay at home” order. We’ve all become accustomed to coming and going as we please, and our national economy pretty much depends on our regular consumption of a wide variety of goods and services. This will not be an easy time.

But the consequences for disobeying the order can be catastrophic. As the statistics mount and our health care system is put under increasing strain, our deliberate choice to ignore the order adds pressure to a system that is busting at the seam. This is no longer about our desires, it is about the common good.

Obedience. It sometimes chafes us. We want to do what we want to do, when we want to do it, and how we want to do it. It’s human nature. We get that attitude with God as well. The Bible is God’s instruction manual for how to do it right. When we decide that we want to use our own version of truth, life gets messy and the consequences can be severe.

God doesn’t give us limitations to hurt us, but to sanctify us – make us more like Jesus. God knows not just the surface consequences of disobedience, but the deep internal consequences as well. When our life is oriented any way other than God’s way, we’re eventually going to fall.

My family and I are going to follow the Governor’s order to the best of our ability. We want to be part of the solution, not the problem. To all who are fighting this battle on the front lines, we’re trying to do our part so you can manage to do yours. God bless you all!

My song for today is “Trust and Obey.”

One of my God-sightings for today were our neighbor’s children out playing on their bikes in the sunshine. We will benefit from this crisis by reconnecting with simple pleasures rather than believing that we need to be entertained all the time.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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