

“I DON’T HAVE THE TIME”

OUTCOMES:

- Everything we say and do has an outcome.
- The choices we make have a result or effect in our life and other’s lives.
 - We do not have control over everything that happens to us.
 - We do have control over how we respond.
- In order to get the right outcomes you have to make the right choices.
 - We need wisdom to make the right choices (Pr. 2: 1-22).
 - Wisdom is not a quick serve microwave meal.

TWO TEACHERS:

- We have two primary teachers in life; *wisdom and consequences*.
 - Both have a price you have to pay.
 - Consequences have a back end price; you must first make the mistake in order to learn the lesson.
 - Wisdom has a front end price; it teaches you the lesson before you make the mistake (Pr. 22:3).
 - You will learn from both, but you will pay a far higher price with consequences as your teacher.

THE PRICE OF TIME:

- To acquire wisdom requires disciplined time (Pr. 1:8-9; 3:1-4; 4:1-13).
- This primarily requires daily time at the feet of Jesus (Lk. 10:38-42).
 - Wisdom begins its entrance into our lives through us being willing to *listen!* (Ja. 1:19).
 - Real listening requires my full attention without distractions.
- We cannot circumvent time with Jesus and expect to live a life of wisdom and enjoy the benefits of wisdom.
 - We must take daily time to really listen to the wisdom of God’s Word (Ps. 1:1-3).

- The Bible characters should become our mentors & friends.
- We must take time to let the Holy Spirit correct us and teach us God's ways (Pr. 9:8-9; 2Tim. 3:16).

WILL YOU TAKE THE TIME?

- Which teacher will you choose for your life, consequences or wisdom?
 - Consequences will result in much unnecessary pain, suffering and regret. You will learn life lessons the hard way ... on the back end!
 - Wisdom requires time, discipline, obedience and consistency up front, but you will reap the benefits of paying the price up front.
 - Will you make the time to acquire wisdom? (Pr. 3:13-18)
 - The outcome of your life awaits your choice.