

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE



Louise

Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me"
 Prayer: As the Spirit leads
 Scripture: Proverbs 12:15

Title: LISTEN TO COUNSEL

It was June of 1963, time for Rodney and Jill's annual vacation with their grandparents. Grandpa, who always drove, never wrote down directions, had difficulty reading a map, and had selective hearing when it came to listening to Grandma, had made this trip every summer for the last thirty years. However, he always had trouble navigating his way to the Interstate highway.

Unlike today, there were no electronic devices to give vehicle drivers instructions on how to get from point A to point B. The only directions available were handwritten notes, a map, or verbal instructions from a gas station attendant. Being a proud, confident, and sometimes stubborn individual, Grandpa would make one continuous wrong turn before following Grandma's advice to stop and ask for directions to the Interstate. Once he got the directions from a gas station attendant, the trip to his hometown was smooth sailing.

Are you like Grandpa, who prolonged his travel time because he delayed seeking directions? Is our service to God hindered by our failure to heed the counsel of others? Do we sometime fail to listen to the advice of individuals, who have previously served in the same capacity? Do we forget why we are serving and let our egos get in the way?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you are not alone. On this Christian journey, each of us has ignored the counsel of the wise and stifled our service for God. However, we can advance our service by stopping and remembering Who we are serving and listening to the counselors amongst us.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wise counselors you have placed in our individual communities of believers. We ask that you help us to heed their advice, and as children chosen by you to serve, let our actions honor and glorify you. Amen.

Word of Encouragement: We serve a loving God, who supplies all our needs in more ways than we can imagine.

Polishing Your Communication Power

1. riposte 2. buoy 3. ambrosial 4. affect

- a) to float or rise by reason of lightness.
- b) exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell; especially delicious or fragrant
- c) to impress the mind or move the feelings of
- d) a quick, clever reply to an insult or criticism; powerfully attract or charm; tempt

Last Month's Answers

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c

Thanksgiving Word Search

S R F H X H V F Z Y E K R U T K F C F I O P B U
 R Z Z B O X D H B F R P B D O S D B X Q H S B X
 Z Z E V R F F U V U B M L F A P K P L Y B X U C
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| Arrowhead | Giblets | Pilgrims |
| Autumn | Gratitude | Puritans |
| Baste | Gravy | S'mores |
| Corn bread | Ham | Sweet potato |
| Cranberries | Harvest | Thankful |
| Family | Leftovers | Turkey |
| Feast | Pecan pie | Walnuts |