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Acting Wisely And Justly

Do you want to be able to live wisely? Do you want to be able to speak justly? Do you want your life to have a firm foundation? Do you want to walk securely through life? Yes, of course, I want all these things to be true of my life. I am tired of taking missteps. I am weary of thinking and speaking and acting unwisely or unjustly. What must I do to be able to think and speak and act wisely and justly? **You know the answer to your own question. You have no need to have me answer that question for you.** Nevertheless, I would still like to hear you affirm what I think is the answer to my question. **First then, tell me what you know to be the truth. Tell me the answer you have in your heart and on your mind.** If I want to live wisely and speak justly, I must have your word in my heart and mind and life. If I want my life to have a firm foundation, I must allow your word to dwell in me richly. If I want to be on solid ground, have secure footing and not slip or take missteps through life, I must allow your word to guard and guide my life. **That is true, you have answered correctly.**

How will you allow my word to dwell in you richly? I will meditate on your word day and night. Your word will always be with me. I will allow your word to change my heart and transform my mind. I will allow your word to guard and guide the entire course of my life. I know that your word will make me able to think and speak and act in ways that are pleasing to you. **That is also true.**

Will you ever regret the time and effort that you spend in allowing my word to dwell in you richly? No, not ever. My time and effort could never be better spent. Your word is molding and shaping my life. Your word is helping me to live the life you have called me to live. Your word is helping me to know and do your will. Your word is making me fruitful in your service. Your word is helping me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I will never regret the time I spend with you, taking your life deeply into my heart and mind and life. **That is very good.**

Lord, I will take your word deeply into my heart and mind and life. I will allow your word to be the firm foundation of my life. Use your word to make me able to think and speak and act wisely and act justly. Use your word to keep my feet from slipping. Amen

The Word Centered Life *In His Heart*

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NIV Psalm 37:30-31

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ESV Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *Made God's Word Their Own*

The godly offer good counsel; they teach right from wrong. They have made God's law their own, so they will never slip from his path.

NLT Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *In His Heart*

The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. The law of his God *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

NKJV Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *In Their Heart*

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice. The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.

NRSV Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *Heart Pumps God's Word*

Righteous chews on wisdom like a dog on a bone, rolls virtue around on his tongue. His heart pumps God's Word like blood through his veins; his feet are as sure as a cat's.

MSG Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *In His Heart*

The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

AMP Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *Knows Right From Wrong*

The godly man is a good counselor because he is just and fair and knows right from wrong.

TLB Psalm 37:30-31

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NASB Psalm 37:30-31

The Word Centered Life *In His Heart*

A good person speaks with wisdom, and he says what is fair. The teachings of his God are in his heart, so he does not fail to keep them.

NCV Psalm 37:30-31

In His Heart

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Word Centered Life – Psalm 37:30-31

In Context: *Read Psalm 37*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making sure that God's word is in your heart?

How are you daily taking God's word into your heart and mind and life?

When has God's word helped you to think and speak and act wisely?

When has God's word helped you to speak justly?

How has God's word provided a firm foundation for your life?

How has God's word kept you from taking missteps in life?

Why will you never regret the time and effort you spent taking God's word into your heart, mind, and life?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow God's word to make you able to think and speak and act wisely and justly.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that taking God's word into your heart and mind will help you to walk securely through life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God's word has given you a firm foundation in life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you take God's word into your heart so you can think and speak and act wisely and justly.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, use your word to help me to think and speak and act wisely and justly.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will your word help me to think and speak and act wisely and justly today?
