

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

**TIMES OF SERVICES:**

*Sunday*  
 Bible Classes.....9 A.M.  
 Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Worship/Bible Study..5 P.M.

*Wednesday:*  
 Bible Study..... 7:00 P.M.



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**Wisdom and Discernment**

*by Doy Moyer*

Scripture shows that God’s concerns are not just for what is technically good or bad, right or wrong, allowed or disallowed. We could argue over what is technically sinful or not, but that’s essentially a legalistic approach that misses the essential element of wisdom, especially in matters that are not specifically given. Of course we need to know what Scripture says about right and wrong, but God’s intent was not just to provide a list of do’s and don’ts. He wants us to learn how to think. He wants us to know principles by which we make wise decisions that glorify Him. It’s not just about what we can do legally, but what we should do in any given situation that would glorify Him.

If we push what a text technically says but don’t consider how to apply it with wisdom, we’ve lost the spirit of what

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God wants from us. We are to discern good from evil as we mature in Christ (Hebrews 5:12-14). Something might not technically be wrong, but a lack of wisdom in application could be disastrous.

Wisdom is a way of living, a learned skill in what it means to serve the Lord. We cannot reduce that to a mere list. This is one reason why reading a book like Proverbs regularly is vital. Through it we learn discernment. “To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding...” We can learn to walk in wisdom (Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5-6; Matthew 10:16).

“The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding” (Proverbs 4:7).

## What Shall We Say About Sin?

*by Bryan Gibson*

There's how WE describe sin, and then there's how the LORD describes it. To see it for what it really is, we need to look at HIS description. These are the various phrases God uses in the Book of Isaiah to describe the sins of His people.

“They rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit” (63:10).

“Why, O LORD, do you cause us to stray from Your ways and harden our heart from fearing You?” (63:17).

“A rebellious people, who walk in a way which is not good, following their own thoughts” (65:2).

“Did evil before My eyes” (65:12; 66:4).

“Chose that in which I do not delight” (65:12; 66:4).

“They have chosen their own ways” (66:3).

“When I called, you did not answer. When I spoke, you did not hear” (65:12).

“Transgressed against Me” (66:24).

“They have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel” (1:4).

“I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me” (1:2).

“Their speech and their deeds are against the Lord” (3:8).

“They have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel” (5:24).

“They have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant” (24:5).

“They would not walk in His ways, nor were they obedient to His law” (42:24).

“Rebellious children...who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit” (30:1).

“We have turned, every one, to his own way” (53:6).

