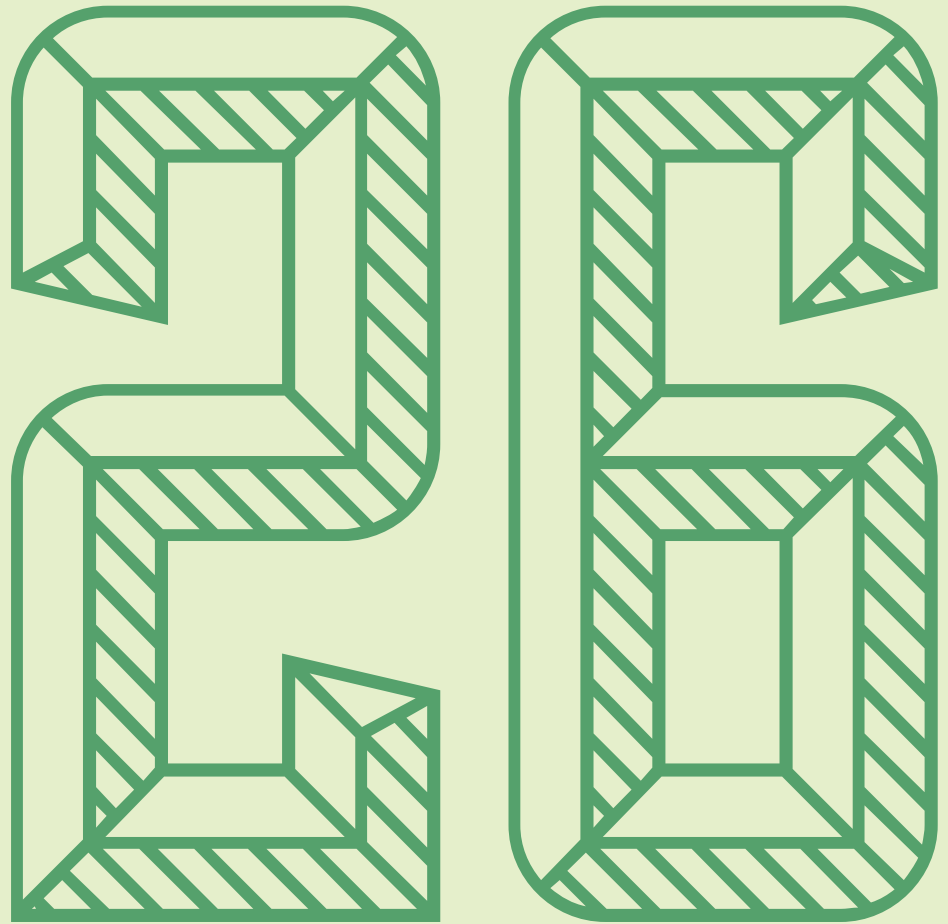


S E S S I O N



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS?

For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding, passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night.

And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, lurking at every corner.

*So she caught him and kissed him; with an impudent face she said to him:
"I have peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows.*

So I came out to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you. I have spread my bed with tapestry, colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with love.

For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home on the appointed day."

*With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would cost his life. - **Proverbs 7:6-23***

PRINCIPLE
TWELVE

(228) _____, **Not** (229) _____ *Determine Destination*

ANSWER THE QUESTION JOHN!

While Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough ways smooth;
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?”
He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.”

Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.” - **Luke 3:2-14**

*“What
you do
speaks so
loud that
I cannot
hear what
you say”-*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

SESSION 26 SUMMARY



Where you are financially is the result of the actions you've taken. It's really nobody else's fault but yours. If you don't like where you are, honestly evaluate your actions, not your intentions. Your intentions simply don't matter. Action counts!

Principle twelve – *Actions, not Intentions, Determines Destination!**

* This principle is adapted from the book "The Principle of the Path" by Andy Stanley. Andy's book is truly an enjoyable read, and delivers an incredibly powerful reminder that our actions make all the difference.

1. How often does the principle "Actions, Not Intentions, Determine Destination" play a factor in your life?

2. What's the hardest aspect of adopting all the principles and practices?

GOD'S DESIGN FOR PASSOVER

¹² 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³ 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. - **Exodus 12:12-14**

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. - **Luke 22:19-20**

COMMUNION

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. - **1 Corinthians 11:26**

- Communion ceremony is a proclamation
- His death was payment for our salvation
- His coming is the completion of our salvation
- Communion ceremony is an act of agreement