



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Wisdom and Restraint

Proverbs 17:27

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### 1. Use knowledge with Restraint

**Proverbs 17:27** - “The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.”

Someone who has wisdom and understanding is even-tempered and uses restraint.

**James 1:19** - “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

### 2. Christ’s power and Our weakness

**2 Corinthians 12:9** - “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.’”

We can’t change ourselves. God’s grace enables believers to change.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. ”

### 3. Powerful Grace!

We are set free by God’s powerful grace that is given to us.

**Philippians 2:13** “For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

These verses help us to understand that grace is not simply a passive acceptance of human flaws but an active and transformative influence that frees and empowers believers to resist sin and live according to God’s will.