

## Devotion for the Session meeting: Proverbs 3:5-6

As we come together in service and leadership within our beloved church, we stand at the crossroads of decision and discernment.

Proverbs 3:5-6 offers us a beacon of divine guidance, saying, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

In the journey of faith and leadership, it's all too easy to rely solely on human wisdom, our collective experience, or even the comfort of majority decisions.

Yet, as we navigate the sacred responsibility entrusted to us, we're reminded that our wisdom, no matter how profound, is but a fleeting shadow of the infinite wisdom of God. We, as stewards of His church, are called not just to lead but to listen; not just to decide, but to discern; not just to vote, but to pray.

The passage from Proverbs doesn't merely suggest a passive belief but advocates for an active trust in the Lord. It's a trust that challenges us to lean not on our own understanding but to seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in every decision, discussion, and direction we contemplate. This trust acknowledges our human limitations, our susceptibility to error, and our need for divine intervention in our judgment.

The wisdom of the Holy Spirit transcends human intelligence and majority rule. It invites us into a deeper communion with God, where our decisions are not just made but are inspired, not just debated but prayed over. It's here, in the sacred space of prayerful submission, that we find the courage to acknowledge our unworthiness and weakness, and yet, are empowered to lead with strength and wisdom beyond our own.

Let us, then, as a session and as individuals, commit to a path of spiritual discernment. May our decisions be a reflection of our collective prayer, our unity in the Spirit, and our unwavering trust in the Lord's guidance. Let's embrace the humility to admit that, even in our majority, we could stray without the light of God's wisdom illuminating our path.

As we move forward, may we hold fast to the promise that when we submit to Him, God will make our paths straight. This doesn't promise an absence of obstacles, but it assures us of a divine navigation system that leads us to decisions that honor God and serve His people effectively.

Let us pray for the humility to seek His wisdom, the patience to listen for His guidance, and the bravery to follow His leading, even when it contradicts our understanding or preferences.

May our leadership and our session be a testament to the power of divine guidance, as we trust in the Lord with all our heart!