

## How Can I Become A Christian?

1. Admit that God is not first in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins. (*1 John 1:9*)
2. Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on Easter and is alive today. (*Romans 10:9*)
3. Accept God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it. (*Ephesians 2:8,9*)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of your life. (*John 1:12~13*)

### **What to pray:**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. Please come into my life and make me a new person. From now on I want You to be the director of my life. Amen.

## How Can I Become A Member of Kenmore Community Church?

1. Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
2. Be baptized by immersion if you have not been already.
3. Attend the class "Discovering Church Membership" which is offered periodically through- out the year.
4. Indicate your interest in joining the church on the Communication Card or by calling the church office at 425-486-7487.

## COMMUNICATE WISELY

### Proverbs 18:21

**Main Thought:** The Book of Proverbs challenges the wise person to communicate wisely by practicing the following principles.

1. RECOGNIZE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF WORDS, (Prov. 18:21)
2. \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 18:13).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE YOU \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 29:20).
4. CONSIDER YOUR \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 15:23).
5. DON'T BE A \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 18:8).
6. DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ TOO MUCH, (Prov. 10:19).
7. USE A CALM SOFT \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 15:1).
8. IGNORE \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 12:16).
9. SPEAK THE \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 12:22).
10. SPEAK \_\_\_\_\_ WORDS, (Prov. 16:24).
11. DON'T BE \_\_\_\_\_, (Prov. 26:21).

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Solomon has a great deal to say about what we say! There are at least 150 references to the tongue, lips, and mouth in Proverbs indicating that proper speech is one of his top priorities. According to Solomon, the tongue can accomplish great good if used wisely and great harm if used foolishly.

2. How is a "word apply spoke" like apples of gold in settings of silver (Prov. 25:11)?

3. What do you think Solomon means when he refers to pleasant words as a "honeycomb" (Prov. 16:24)?

4. Solomon repeatedly emphasizes that the tongue can be a destructive or a healing force. Write down the words and phrases that depict the tongue as a healing or destructive force in these Proverbs 12:18, 15:1, and 15:4.

5. Just how powerful is the tongue according to James 3:1-6?

6. What can encouragement achieve (Prov. 12:25)? Why is it often hard to speak encouragement?

7. Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven things God hates. Which three involve the tongue?

8. Is it ever right to lie? What about Corrie Ten Boom who lied to the Nazis that no Jews were hidden in her house?

9. What does Proverbs 18:8 say about gossip? Someone has said that "Christians don't gossip, we just share prayer requests." Do you think gossip is a problem in churches? How can we eliminate gossip in the church?

10. Why is it wise to keep your cool and restrain your mouth (Prov. 10:19; 17:27)?

11. What is the relationship between a righteous person's heart and his/her words (Prov. 15:28; 16:23)?

12. When should you not restrain your tongue (Prov. 31: 8-9)?

13. Spend a few minutes giving thought to your speaking habits. Evaluate yourself in the following areas by writing "never," "rarely," or "often," next to each item.

Lying \_\_\_\_\_ gossiping \_\_\_\_\_ boasting \_\_\_\_\_

Flattering \_\_\_\_\_ profanities \_\_\_\_\_ quarreling \_\_\_\_\_

Mocking \_\_\_\_\_ talking too much \_\_\_\_\_

Questionable jokes \_\_\_\_\_ hurtful angry responses \_\_\_\_\_

Talk with God and ask for His help to control your tongue in the areas you need to grow.