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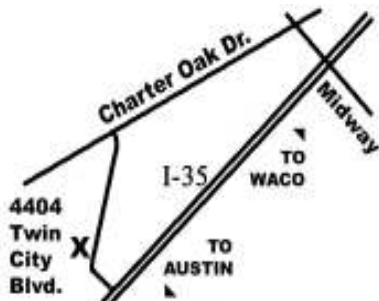
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## WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

## WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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## TAKE HEED TO YOURSELF AND TO THE DOCTRINE

*“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine...”* - 1 Ti 4:16

Self and doctrine. Who we are and what we believe. Paul advises the young evangelist that these two areas of life deserve special attention. It was true for Timothy, and it’s true for you and me.

Take heed to yourself – to your behaviors, your attitudes, your time and talent. Pay attention to these things. What we do matters. The attitude we bring to any situation in life matters. How we choose to spend the moments we have in this life matters. What we do with the abilities God has given us matters.

But no less important, take heed to your doctrine – those tenets of faith that you hold to and that you teach to others. Don’t major in the minors and minor in the majors. Know (with book, chapter, and verse) those doctrines that matter and those that don’t. Know the difference between doctrines that are true and those that are simply convenient.

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.

## *Sexual Purity before Marriage*

When you fall in love, it's natural to want to express your love in physical ways. But you also know God wants you to remain sexually pure — in both your actions and your thoughts. Sometimes it's a tough balance, but showing love for another and remaining pure is possible. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Keep innocent expressions special. Rather than making the innocent expressions a mere prelude to the 'heavier stuff,' make the most of them.
- 2) Pace your passion. Every marathon runner knows that you don't use up your energy at the beginning of the race; you need most of it at the end. Pacing your passion means that you realize you're trying to remain pure all the way to your wedding day.
- 3) Don't feed your fantasies. It's normal to think about sex sometimes. Choose your entertainment carefully. Soap operas, certain songs, books, television shows, movies, and Web sites only turn up the pressure.
- 4) Remember whose property you're touching. You do not own the person you're dating. That person belongs to God. Imagine there's a sign on everyone you date that reads: PROPERTY OF JESUS.
- 5) Make a promise to God, and daily renew your commitment. Decide where you're going to draw the line, and tell God that with His help, you are not going to cross that line until marriage.

— Ron Crutchfield

## Just Thinkin'

*"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be misquoted then used against you."* It's not exactly Miranda (the cops usually get it right). But, it does reflect a common reality of communication in our culture; and, there are lessons to learn.

**We should learn the importance of choosing our words wisely (Col 4:6). Knowing that many folks have no concern for truth or for accurately representing what we have said, we should speak with clarity and precision.**

**We should learn the importance of accurately representing someone else's words. It is tempting to build a 'straw man' by misstating someone's statements (Mt 26:59-61), but such tactics are blatantly dishonest. Truth needs no such support, and - in fact - suffers from it.**

**And, we should learn that wisdom is often found, not in what we say, but in what we do NOT say (Ja 1:19). Sometimes the wisest word choice is to not use words at all. After all, words never spoken cannot be misquoted. Think about it.**