

Herd Immunity Part 4: Herd Wisdom

Spiritual Herd Immunity – when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes like **Jesus Christ**, we make spreading pride, sin and hatred less likely. As a result, the whole community is **loved and protected** by grace and truth.

*“While knowledge makes us feel important, **it is love that strengthens the church**. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.” 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 NLT*

*“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is **wise wins souls**.” Proverbs 11:30 NASB*

*“Be **wise** in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always **full of grace, seasoned with salt**, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6 NIV*

1. We need to be wise in our moment.

*“The steps of a good man are **ordered** by the Lord.” Psalms 37:23 KJV*

*“In their hearts **humans plan** their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.” Proverbs 16:9 NIV*

- ✓ Be **intentional** in relationships.
- ✓ Find their **spiritual spot**.
- ✓ **Add value** to them.

*“I **planted** the seed in your hearts, and Apollos **watered** it, but it was God who made it **grow**.” 1 Corinthians 3:6 NLT*

2. We need to be wise in our manner.

*“Here’s another way to put it: **You’re here to be light**, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you **light-bearers**, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—**shine!** Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God.” Matthew 5:13-15 MSG*

- ✓ Make things **better** and **brighter**.
- ✓ **Understand** their world.
- ✓ Show them **unconditional** love.

*"When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find **common ground** with everyone, doing everything I can to save some."*
1 Corinthians 9:22 NLT

3. We need to be wise in our message.

*"Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant **arguments** that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. **Gently instruct** those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth."* 2 Timothy 2:23-25 NLT

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to **give an answer** to everyone who asks you to **give the reason** for the **hope** that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*
1 Peter 3:15 NIV

- ✓ Share the **hope** we have.
- ✓ Share **my church**.
- ✓ Share **Christ**.

*"We are careful to be **honorable** before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are **honorable**."* 2 Corinthians 8:21 NLT