

*In the spirit of brevity:*

*15 Words of Wisdom  
by the TEDS/TGS Faculty*



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Don't be too cool to base your ministry  
on the foolishness of the cross.

-Doug Sweeney  
Church History



Love abounds in knowledge and depth  
of insight. Love abundantly for God's  
glory! Philippians 1:9-11

-Judy Dabler  
Counseling

Live transparently  
Speak selectively  
Dream boldly  
Plan conditionally  
Worship continuously  
Serve relationally  
Pray.



-Mark Senter  
Educational Ministries



Love God and others extravagantly.  
See grace daily and be thankful.  
Laugh regularly at yourself.

- Perry Downs  
Associate Dean, Doctoral Programs



There's no substitute for knowing  
Scripture- prevailing cultural and  
philosophical winds don't hold  
eternal life.

-John Monson  
Old Testament

God cares more about who you are  
than what you do.  
More Mary, less Martha.

-Laurie Matthias



Watch over your heart,  
commit your way to the Lord,  
devote yourself to the Word.

-Richard Averbeck  
Old Testament

Know Yourself  
Love  
Pray More  
Rightly Divide the Word  
Stay Pure  
Keep Growing  
Finish Well



-Gene Swanstrom  
Placement

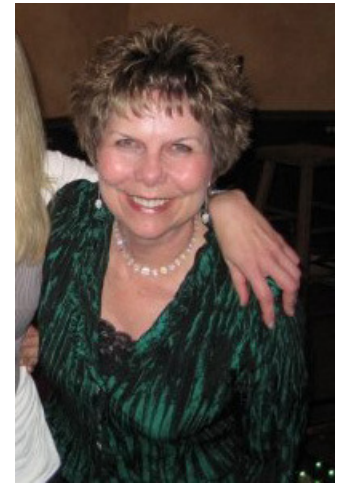
"..act justly, love mercy  
and walk humbly with God" Micah 6:8  
Live in the fullness of God's love.

- Craig Williford  
Acting President



When the mountain before you seems  
insurmountable, begin by moving pebbles  
one at a time.

- Miriam Charter  
PhD/EDS Director



Better little with righteousness  
than much with injustice;  
don't do evil that good may result.

- John Kilner  
Bioethics

Humble yourself before your God.  
Delight in his grace.  
Hope in his love.  
Alleluia! Amen.

- Steve Roy  
Pastoral Theology





The grass withers,  
and the flower fades,  
but the word of our God  
abides forever.

- Bob Yarbrough  
New Testament

Be courageous:  
move away from  
being politically savvy  
to being authentic,  
transparent, open, and wise.

- Willem VanGemeren  
PhD/THS Director



Stay in the Word.  
Seek to know God.  
Rejoice in His abundant blessings  
in life.

- Miriam Parent  
Counseling

Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart;  
Do not depend  
on your own understanding.  
Proverbs 3:5



- John Nyquist  
Mission and Evangelism



Recipe for JOY:  
Keep your eyes on Jesus,  
the author and finisher of your faith.  
- Carol Kennett  
Education

“Never waste a crisis!  
It’s an opportunity to change  
and grow in God.

-Peter Cha  
Pastoral Theology



Speak the truth in love.  
Focus on others not yourself.  
Forgive those who hurt you.

- Kevin Vanhoozer  
Systematic Theology



Never take at face value what you are told  
in a placement search committee interview!

-Martin Crain

Professional Doctoral Programs Director

בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לֵבָךְ  
וְאֶל-בִּינְתֶיךָ אֶל-תְּשׁוּעֶיךָ:  
בְּכָל-דַּרְכֶיךָ דַּע הוֹי  
וְהוּא יִשָּׂר אֲרָחֹתֶיךָ:



-Dennis Magary

Old Testament



"Not everything that's faced can be changed,  
but nothing can be changed until it's faced."

(James Baldwin)

-Lisa Sung

Systematic Theology

"Dear friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:11

-Jim Moore

Associate Dean





**JESUS—**  
Not boring, untrue, or irrelevant.  
But attractive, relevant, True.  
Tell the nations!  
I wish you **JESUS!**  
- Rick Cook  
Mission and Evangelism

Effective theological formulation  
is intensified when the theologian  
is on his/her knees in prayer.

-Bruce Fields  
Systematic Theology



But seek first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added to you.  
- Greg Scharf

Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart  
and lean not  
on your own understanding.

- Keith Bjorge  
Counseling



Don't try to prove anything to  
God, yourself, or anyone else.  
Not necessary; not possible!

- Craig Ott  
Mission and Evangelism

Keep Learning.  
Love God and People.  
Seek First His Kingdom  
and Righteousness.  
Abide in Christ.

- Wayne Johnson  
MDiv Director



Be radically attached to Jesus,  
stubbornly loyal to God's people,  
and authentically testifying to unbelievers.

- Phil Sell  
Supervised Ministries Director