

Real Wisdom for Real Life



Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way!

Selected Proverbs

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Galatians 5:11b-23a

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Proverbs 29:7a

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Proverbs 21:26b

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