



Understanding Proverbs

📖 Proverbs 16:16

● Have you ever done anything stupid before? We all could use a little more wisdom in our lives.

Proverbs Basics.

■ **Who wrote the book?**

📖 Proverbs 1:1; 2 Chronicles 1:10

■ **What is the purpose of Proverbs?**

📖 Proverbs 1:2-7

Three Types of Statements in Scripture.

■ **Laws.** Commands I'm always supposed to follow.

■ **Promises.** Guarantees of what God will do or what will happen.

■ **Proverbs.** Memorable descriptions of the way things generally are.

Understanding Proverbs.

■ **Proverbs are designed to make us think.**

📖 Proverbs 11:22

- ⇒ Many of the Proverbs dispense wisdom in word pictures to introduce us to potentially life changing principles.

■ **Proverbs can confuse, because at first glance they can seem contradictory.**

📖 Proverbs 26:4-5

■ **Proverbs requires that we use them with discernment.** Proverbs 26:9

- ⇒ We should never pull one verse out of the Bible and build a doctrine or a practice on it.

■ **Proverbs is a book that is all about wisdom.**

📖 Proverbs 4:7

■ **Biblical wisdom is the ability to make right decisions.**

- ⇒ The Greatest Question Ever: "Given my understanding of God, myself and this situation, what is the wise thing to do?"

How Do You Seek Wisdom?

■ **By wanting.**

■ **By watching.**

■ **By working.**

■ **By waiting.**

My Next Right Step

- I am naming Christ as my Savior!
- I'm in! I will attend each week of "31".
- I will commit to reading the book of Proverbs and working on my Wisdom Journal starting next Sunday.
- I will memorize **Proverbs 4:7**.

Next Sunday: "31: The Fear of the Lord is..."



Please bring this sheet with you to your Home Team this week!

Warm Up

● Share one piece of practical wisdom that you learned from a family member or friend.

Opening Prayer

"Father, we open our hearts and minds to Your wisdom today. Teach us Your ways."

Discussion Questions

Read 2 Chronicles 1:1-13

⇒ What is the first request Solomon makes of God as he faces his new, huge responsibility?

⇒ What is God's response?

⇒ What do you think God's response is to us, when we seek after godly wisdom?

Read Proverbs 1:1-7

⇒ According to this passage, what is the foundation of true knowledge?

⇒ List some of the purposes of the proverbs.

Read Proverbs 1:8-19

⇒ What practical wisdom can we extract from these verses?

Read James 1:5-8

⇒According to this passage, what attitude of faith does it require to gain wisdom from God?

⇒What happens when we waver or doubt?

Read James 3:13-18

⇒Sometimes people offer us “wisdom” that is ungodly and has negative consequences. According to this passage what are some of the fruits of godly wisdom.

⇒What results from envy and selfish ambition?

⇒Not everyone gives good advice. Have you ever followed bad advice and suffered the consequences? What did you learn from that experience?

⇒Wisdom is often gained through life experience, which is why older people can sometimes provide great insight and perspective. Do you have someone like that in your life? Tell us a bit about that person.

⇒Is there anything you are facing this week where you need God's wisdom?

Closing Prayer

“Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to show us what wise living looks like. We ask you for wisdom believing that You will give it. Holy Spirit, fill us with discernment as we purpose to live for You.”

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“Read Psalms to be holy. Read Proverbs to be wise.”
—Unknown

Praise & Prayer List



This Sunday
“31:
The Fear of the Lord is...”

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Message Notes
& Home Team
Small Group Questions

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