

Where Wisdom Starts

READ: Proverbs 1:1-7; 2:1-6; 9:10

Proverbs 1:1-7

These are the proverbs of Solomon,
David's son, king of Israel.

² Their purpose is to teach people
wisdom and discipline,
to help them understand the insights
of the wise.

³ Their purpose is to teach people to live
disciplined and successful lives,

to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

⁴ These proverbs will give insight to the simple,
knowledge and discernment to the young.

⁵ Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser.

Let those with understanding receive guidance

⁶ by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 2:1-6 (NLT)

My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.

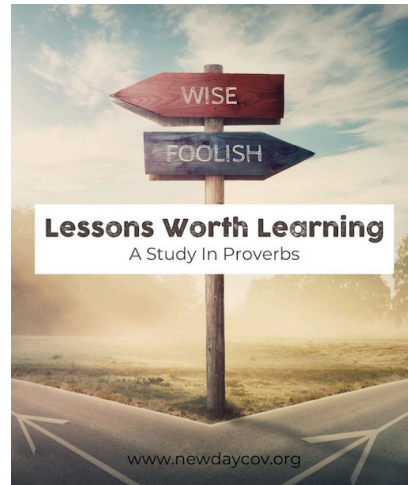
² Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.

³ Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.

⁴ Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.

⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,
and you will gain knowledge of God.

⁶ For the Lord grants wisdom!
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.



REFLECTION: What is one of the wisest pieces of advice you ever got? (write it down on the 3x5 card at your table and turn it in)



What is "wisdom"?

Wisdom (Hebrew: hokmah) – "the skill of living."

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10; Ps 110:10a_(NIV)

"And this is what he says to all humanity:

'The fear of the Lord is true wisdom;
to forsake evil is real understanding.'

Job 28:28

How does godly fear produce wisdom?

Godly fear = reverence, awe, honor, respect... *the continual awareness that our loving heavenly Father is watching and evaluating everything we think, say, and do.* (Psalm 139; Jeremiah 12:3; Matthew 12:36)

How do you seek after God's wisdom?

Indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs 2:3-6 (NIV)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5 (NIV)

"I love all who love me.
Those who search will surely find me."
Proverbs 8:17 (NLT)



What is the goal of these Proverbs & gaining wisdom?

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure.
It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.
It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds.
It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. James 3:17 (NLT)

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

What are some of the ways you pursue wisdom?

The Apostle Paul talks how he pursues the wisdom God gives in this way...

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

What are some of your daily disciplines that help you receive God's wisdom and strength?

Share a time where God's wisdom made a difference in your life

PRAYER FOR OUR NEWDAY STAFF & LEADERS

We have been looking at where God might be leading us as a congregation to meet each week for worship and ministry. We are in conversations with various churches, places, and ministries in our city. Our goal is to find where we might best collaborate to succeed in our mission, vision, and values. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we pursue these conversations over the next few months in preparation for this fall. Thank you!

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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