

RESPONDING TO WISDOM

Proverbs 1.1-33

THE RECIPE OF WISDOM

PROVERB: neither a command nor promises, it's a short verse that conveys a wealth of truth. But they are often partial, meaning that they must be taken alongside other proverbs and Scriptures to form a whole. Proverbs are meant to help us think hard and meditate deeply about reality from a biblical perspective.

WISDOM: Wisdom is not just simply about being moral. Wisdom is about giving us the ability to make right choices when there does not seem to be a clear moral law that explicitly tells us how to make a choice, or when there seems to be more than one choice that could be morally upright.

**Though our decisions may not be immoral,
when we lack wisdom they can bring about disaster.**

INSTRUCTION: the Hebrew word *musar*, it means training with strong accountability.

INSIGHT: Tim Keller explains this word as meaning "the ability to notice distinctions and shades of difference where others see only a blur."

PRUDENCE and DISCRETION: these two words describe the ability to live strategically; to not just see what is a good wise direction, but the ability to take steps to get there. Some people have wise insights, but lack the tact or discretion to know how to apply the wisdom.

FINDING TRUE WISDOM

Wisdom is much more difficult than black and white answers. Wisdom comes from actually getting to know the broad counsel of Scripture. Gaining wisdom comes not from knowing all the rules, but by getting to know God as He has revealed Himself in His Word and through His Son.

**Wisdom is not just a thing to possess;
wisdom, the true Wisdom of God, is Christ Himself.**

WISDOM FOR THE WORLD

Proverbs 2.1-15 // Luke 10.2, 3

We need wisdom not just for our sake, but also for the sake of the world. We are to be a city on a hill, salt and light and wisdom to a lost and dark world. God sent His own Son, who is His Wisdom, into this world not just simply to show off His Wisdom, but in order to draw sinners to Himself and save them.

Just as Wisdom cried aloud in the noisy street to draw us to Jesus, now we, possessing the Wisdom of God, must cry aloud in this noisy world.

**We aim not to have wisdom so we can win arguments,
but to win hearts.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Proverbs 1.1-7**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Now read **Proverbs 1.20-33**. Here, wisdom is being personified. Describe the "noisy street" in your life. What draws your attention and affections? Comfort, money, a preferred future, a dream house/life/family, entertainment, your own plans? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Proverbs 2.1-15**. How do these first two chapters in **Proverbs** point you back to the Gospel of Christ? What particular truth in these can help keep you focused on the Gospel? _____

Repent and Confess

What do you see in these verses that expose a particular sin or behavior in your life? For many, we might be able to recognize some of the noise in our life is actually our own doing. Do you give your heart too much to the other things that woo you? Do you blur out or muffle the voice of Wisdom? Do you ignore the counsel of others (see **Instruction** in the Sermon Notes), or skirt away from prudent decisions because you desperately want your own way? _____

Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? _____

Your Life Mission

Where do you need wisdom? You may need particular aspects of wisdom (see first section of the Sermon Notes). Write down specific areas of wisdom you need to call aloud for insight and understanding. Also, where could you use prayer for wisdom with some of your non-believing friends and relationships? _____

WISDOM: _____

INSTRUCTION: _____

INSIGHT: _____

PRUDENCE/DISCRETION: _____

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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