

“The Many Faces of Wisdom”

Wisdom in Proverbs:

The Book of Proverbs is a guide to help people succeed in everyday life. We need to know the right way to behave in our relationships with others, family, work, business, government and community. Proverbs is also a book of wise sayings teaching people how to live godly lives through the repetition of wise thoughts.

Author: Solomon; with Agur and Lemuel

Suggested Directions:

Prayer: Ask God to help you understand and speak to your needs

Read: One subject lesson at a time

Do: Keep a journal or take notes as you read and study

“Listen Up”	Proverbs 1:1-4, 7-8,10-11, 20-22, 32-33 <i>Key Verse: Proverbs 1:7</i>
“Seeking Meaning”	Proverbs 2:1-11 <i>Key Verse: Proverbs 2:6</i>
“Wisdom’s Rewards”	Proverbs 8:8-14, 17-21 <i>Key Verse: Proverbs 8:10-11</i>
“Invitation to Wisdom”	Proverbs 9:1-6, 8-10, 13-18 <i>Key Verse: Proverbs 9:6</i>

Points to Remember:

- **Wisdom is a God given gift that requires an energetic search of persistence.**
- **The reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.**
- **Wisdom begins with God’s Word**
- **Discretion, what is right and what is wrong.**
- **Avoid Mistress Folly, she is deceitful and evil.**

***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
Proverbs 9:10 NKJV***

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Part 2

Wisdom in the Gospels:

Four lessons, one from each of the four Gospels. Each lesson examines the Wisdom of God as seen in the teachings of Jesus Christ. As we search and read the scriptures, one must hear the Words of Jesus, believe them, and then follow after Him for wisdom.

Our life of godly wisdom can bring those opposed to God into an understanding of what is right and true, and put them in a position to be met by the Lord.

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Lessons at a Glance:

“Wisdom in Action”	Matthew 11:7-19 Key Verse: Matthew 11:19
“Wisdom that Amazes”	Ecclesiastes 3:1,7b; Luke 2:39-52 Key Verse Luke 2:20
“Wisdom that Astounds and Offends”	Mark 6:1-6 Key Verses Mark 6: 2-3
“Finding One’s Way”	John 14:1-14 Key Verse John 14:6

Lesson Points to Remember:

- Jesus’ behavior and John’s while unusual in their day, will eventually be proven wise by the results of transformed followers.
- Ecclesiastes - be eager to listen and slow to speak; Luke – Wisdom has no age limit, for God has a plan for everyone.
- God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
- It is by faith that we see the Father as we come to know Christ better.
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24 NIV**

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Part 3

Faith and Wisdom in James:

Five Lessons from the book of James. James examines the interplay between following Jesus and possessing faith. These lessons explore the interaction of faith and wisdom, including practical advice regarding faith in action and the taming of the tongue. He concludes the study by contrasting two kinds of wisdom.

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Lessons at a Glance:

“Ask for It”	James 1:1-11	Key Verse: James 1:5
“Talk Is Cheap”	James 1:19-27	Key Verse: James 1:22
“Just Do It”	James 2:14-26	Key Verse: James 2:26
“Bite Your Tongue”	James 3:1-12	Key Verse: James 3:5
“Wise Up”	James 3:13-18 James 5:7-12	Key Verse: James 3:17

Lesson Points to Remember:

1. God gives wisdom generously to those who ask in faith.
2. Actions must accompany what you say.
3. We must demonstrate our faith by our actions.
4. A loose tongue can lead to a person’s destruction.
5. Choose God’s wisdom over the wisdom of the world.

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. James 1:26