

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 Mar.....Proverbs 1:1-19..... Seek Wisdom's Ways
- 2) 09 Mar.....Proverbs 1:33-3:8..... Learn Wisdom's Benefits
- 3) 16 Mar.....Proverbs 8:1-9:18..... Listen To Wisdom's Invitation
- 4) 23 Mar..... Proverbs 10:11;12:17;18:21;25:26;31..... Guard Your Speech
- 5) 30 Mar.....10:11;13:14;19:20;22:24;26:28;21:27;28..... Don't be a Slacker
- 6) 06 Apr.....3:11;13:15;16:20;21:22;23:28;30..... Financial Responsibility
- 7) 13 Apr.....3:10;11:13;14:15;16:17;18:19;20:22;25:26;27..... Godly Friendships
- 8) 20 Apr..... Mark 14:32 – 16:8.....Amazed by the Resurrection
- 9) 27 Apr.....Proverbs 20:23;29:31..... Avoid Addictions
- 10) 04 May.....Proverbs 5-6..... Moral Purity
- 11) 11 May.....Proverbs 31:10-31..... Treasure Mothers
- 12) 18 May..... Song of Songs 1:1-5:1..... Righteous Romance
- 13) 25 May..... Song of Songs 5:2-8:14..... Invest in the Best

INTRODUCTION

- Remember, a proverb typically conveys a general truth, and not an absolute truth
- There are direct life-long and eternal benefits to acquiring God's wisdom, but such wisdom does not come without doing some diligent and thoughtful homework.

Passage	Comments
2:11-15	Benefit of God's Wisdom → Protection & Deliverance • God's wisdom protects us from ourselves and from those with evil intent ("be not deceived")
2:16-19	Immorality is a Trap • Does this immorality trap apply to both men & women? • What is the surest way to avoid immorality? FLEE!!
2:20-22	Benefit of Living God's Way → Inherit the Land • The future has no wicked in it – no wicked thoughts, no wicked deeds, no wicked intentions, no wicked at all • Will life be boring? Nope. We will live life to the fullest
3:1-4	Benefit in Keeping God's Commandments → Peace • vv1-2. Nothing worse than dying young and troubled ♦ What does a peaceful long life look like? Is it a life of no fun & thrills, or a life full of confidence? • vv3-4. What is special about "kindness and truth"? How do we write them on the "tablet of our heart"? ♦ What is the opposite of "kindness & truth" ♦ Which reputation should we seek after?
3:5-6	Benefit of Trusting in God → Guidance • v5. What does "trusting in the Lord with all of our heart" look like? What about trusting Him with half of our heart? What would that look like? Is it all or none? • v6. What does a straight path look like in life? Is it all roses? Jesus had a straight path – right to the cross.
3:7-8	Benefits from Turning from Evil → Physical Healing • v7. What does it mean to be "wise in our own eyes"? ♦ Possibly, everyone does their own thing Jud 17:6 • v8. How does avoiding evil give us physical health? ♦ Recall James 5:13-16. Confess your sins...so that you might be healed. Sin ultimately cause death.

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Proverbs 1:33	Benefit of Listening to God → Live Confidently • We need to listen and obey to reap God's protection • Doing things God's ways generally works out for our physical, financial, and social well-being – but there are exceptions → Job, Jesus, Apostles, and all martyrs • Even when financial and physical woes come our way, God has ultimate control of over all of our affairs
Speeding Analogy	Example 1. If a driver speeds and gets into an accident, he is on his own since he chose not to obey God's commandment to obey the good laws of the land Example 2. If a Christian driver obeys the speed limit (i.e., the good laws of the land) and God allows him to get involved in an accident, God has the responsibility to work things out for his good..... Romans 8:28
Proverbs 2:1-5	Benefit of Diligently Seeking Wisdom → Discovery of God's Knowledge • vv1-4. How do we "receive God's sayings"; "treasure His commands"; "be attentive"; "incline your heart"; "cry for insight"; and "seek wisdom like hidden treasure"? ♦ This means we have to make an effort ♦ God's wisdom does not come by osmosis. We have to thoughtfully and diligently make time to study, pray, read, talk, ask questions, observe, and learn. ♦ When should we start doing this? ♦ What should be our daily, weekly, monthly goals? ♦ Is it ever too late to start seeking God's wisdom? ♦ When we willfully "draw near to God then He will draw near to us"..... James 4:8 • v5. Only then will we figure out or "discern the fear of the Lord" and "discover the knowledge of God"
What does God's wisdom and knowledge look like?	• We know what to say, and how and when to say it • We know when not to say something • We know where to go and where not to go, what to do, and what not to do, when to do it and when not to do it • The Final Test if we have God's wisdom: People will be glad when they see us (Psalms 119:74), and they will seek us out (Psalms 119:79)
2:6-10	God Stores up His Wisdom for the Righteous • vv6-7a. God wants to give His wisdom away freely • vv7b-8. He wants His people to live long & prosper • vv9-10. Then we can enjoy life like He meant for us to

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- The world says "he who has the gold rules" and "might makes right." But God says "He who rules should serve" (Mat 20:26), and "strength is found in weakness" or humility (2Cor 12:10)

NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 8-9. God's wisdom is better than gold; Wisdom established the earth; and Wisdom builds a home

