

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 Speak
- 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

- Solomon's God-given wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt, and "he was wiser than all men" 1Kings 4:29-31
- Solomon wrote 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs 1Kings 4:32 - Of which we only have 1000 proverbs and one poem
- Solomon had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines, and his wives turned his heart away 1Kings 11:3
- Solomon was known as a wise man, but he was not very prudent. He knew what to do, but he often did things his own way.
- But that doesn't mean God couldn't use him to write the right proverbs which would be included into Holy Script

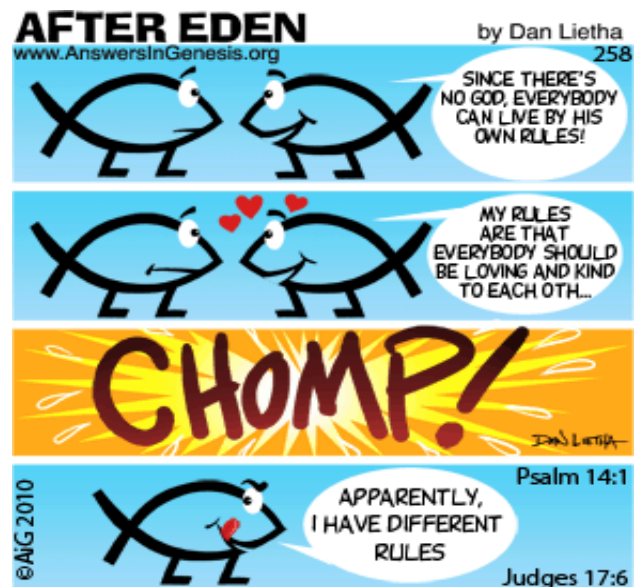
Passage	Comments
Proverbs 1:1-6	<p>The Guide to Wisdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-2. Wisdom, instruction, understanding, and wise behavior seem to be a lost art these days. People seem to be more rude, crude & socially unacceptable - How can we get civility back into society? • v3. Key Terms throughout Proverbs – Wise behavior, Righteousness, Justice, Equity (~evenness, fairness) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The foundation of God's throne are stated to be Righteousness and Justice, with Lovingkindness and Truth going before Him Psalms 89:14 ♦ It is rare that God is portrayed as a Fair God. After all, He has mercy on some, but not others, He makes some handicapped and not others, He makes some rich and not others – YET, in the end everyone receives just recompense (fair treatment) for the hardships they endure ♦ He will judge the peoples with equity... Psalms 96:10 • v4. "Give shrewdness to the naïve/simple-minded; to the youth knowledge and discretion" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ One of the best compliments to give a young person is "you are wise beyond your years" – and this compliment is a credit to a young person's parents • vv5-6. "A wise man will hear and learn" – Why is it that "those who have ears to hear will hear"? (Mat 11:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Is this a God-given ability to comprehend wisdom? ♦ How does a person's will play into getting wisdom?
Definition of a Proverb	<p>A proverb conveys a general truth, not an absolute truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example #1: "The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to hunger" (Prov 10:3) – but we know Lottie Moon died of starvation. She weighed 50 lbs when she died in 1912. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lottie_Moon • Example #2: "In the house of the righteous is much treasure" (Prov 15:6) – The widow with 2 mites was in abject poverty (Mark 2:42-44), along with the righteous but destitute widows of 1Timothy 5

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Proverbs 1:7	<p>Key to Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The answer to the previous question is given here: (Is hearing or comprehending wisdom a God-given ability or a willful act or both?): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those who are able to comprehend wisdom have a "fear of the Lord" 2. Fools choose not to fear the Lord • So what is the Fear of the Lord? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Is it reverent fear done out of love and respect? ♦ Is it a frightful fear? Do it or die? ♦ How would we explain this concept of properly fearing God to an unbeliever or a new Christian?
What is the diff between earthly wisdom and God's wisdom?	<p>Earthly Wisdom (as defined by James):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes jealousy and selfish ambition, arrogance, self-deception, and disorder – this is considered earthly, natural, demonic..... James 3:14-16 <p>Heavenly Wisdom (from above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is demonstrated by good behavior performed with gentleness and forethought; It is first pure/honest, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.....James 3:13,17
1:8-9	<p>Admonition to Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental obedience – The first commandment with a promise in Scripture: "Honor your father & your mother, that you may live long & prosper" Exodus 20:12
1:10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning Against Folly • 10 verses on choosing the right friends in life • Why is this so hard for young people? Why do so many kids gravitate toward the wild side instead of the meek side? How can we encourage more meekness?

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- If Solomon had been more prudent, especially with limiting his sexual exploits, how would the world be a better place?
- How would the world be a better place if we were more prudent?

NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 2. Wisdom comes to those who actively and properly search for it



The wicked say, "Let us swallow the naïve alive..."

Proverbs 1:12