

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

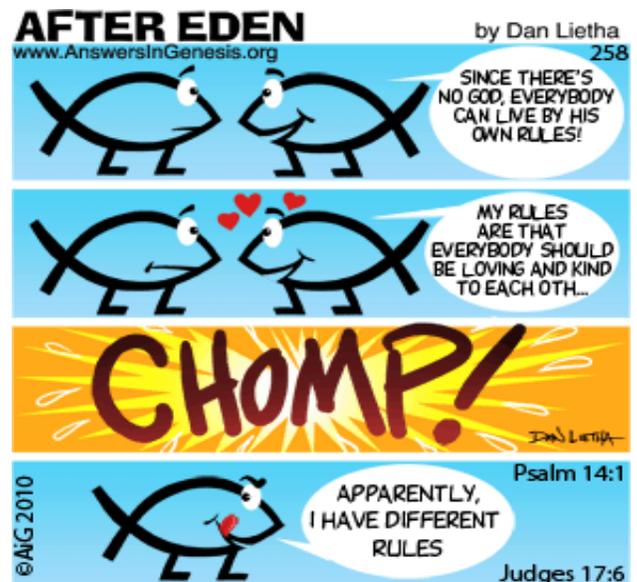
Passage	Comments
Proverbs 1:1-6	<p><b>The Guide to Wisdom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-2. Wisdom, instruction, understanding, and wise behavior seem to be a lost art these days. People seem to be more rude, crude &amp; socially unacceptable - How can we get civility back into society?</li> <li>• v3. Key Terms throughout Proverbs – Wise behavior, Righteousness, Justice, Equity (~evenness, fairness)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The foundation of God's throne are stated to be <b>Righteousness</b> and <b>Justice</b>, with <b>Lovingkindness</b> and <b>Truth</b> going before Him ..... Psalms 89:14</li> <li>♦ 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</li> <li>♦ He will judge the peoples with equity... <b>Psalms 96:10</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• v4. "Give shrewdness to the naïve/simple-minded; to the youth knowledge and discretion"                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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"> <li>♦ Is this a God-given ability to comprehend wisdom?</li> <li>♦ How does a person's will play into getting wisdom?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Definition of a Proverb	<p>A proverb conveys a general truth, not an absolute truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lottie_Moon">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lottie_Moon</a></li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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Proverbs 1:7	<p><b>Key to Knowledge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>1. Those who are able to comprehend wisdom have a "fear of the Lord"</li> <li>2. Fools choose not to fear the Lord</li> </ol> </li> <li>• So what is the Fear of the Lord?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Is it reverent fear done out of love and respect?</li> <li>♦ Is it a frightful fear? Do it or die?</li> <li>♦ How would we explain this concept of properly fearing God to an unbeliever or a new Christian?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
What is the diff between earthly wisdom and God's wisdom?	<p><b>Earthly Wisdom (as defined by James):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes jealousy and selfish ambition, arrogance, self-deception, and disorder – this is considered earthly, natural, demonic..... James 3:14-16</li> </ul> <p><b>Heavenly Wisdom (from above)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
1:8-9	<p><b>Admonition to Love</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental obedience – The first commandment with a promise in Scripture: "Honor your father &amp; your mother, that you may live long &amp; prosper" ..... Exodus 20:12</li> </ul>
1:10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Warning Against Folly</b></li> <li>• 10 verses on choosing the right friends in life</li> <li>• 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?</li> </ul>

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**