

¹²Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,¹³ who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, ¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,¹⁵ whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

¹⁶It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words,¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. ¹⁸ For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. ¹⁹ None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.

²⁰Thus you will walk in the ways of the just and keep to the paths of the righteous. ²¹ For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; ²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it. (Proverbs 2)

1. The Search for Wisdom (v.1-5)

2. The Source of Wisdom (v.6)

3. The Sense of Wisdom (v.7-11)

BUZZ GROUPS: Give an example of when you have not had good judgement in a decision you have had to make.

4. The Salvation of Wisdom (v.12-19)

BUZZ GROUPS: Give an example of when wisdom has enabled you to be saved from moral wickedness or sexual waywardness.

5. The Success of Wisdom (v.20-22)

Conclusion:

Jesus Christ is the “wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24)

Jesus “has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30)

MINISTRY TIME:

Living a Wise Life

Six sessions applying Old Testament Wisdom Literature to 21st Century Living

Week 1: Pursue Wisdom

(Proverbs 2)

Introduction:

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: ²for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; ³ for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; ⁴ for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young - ⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance - ⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise (Proverbs 1:1-6)

a) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Practical***

b) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Provoking***

c) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Pragmatic***

¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, ³ and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair— every good path. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.