

**Allen Temple
Sunday School Lesson**

**A TREASURE
WORTH SEEKING
PROVERBS 2:1-5; 3:1-6, 13-18**

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Lesson Text

Proverbs 2:1-5 The Value of Wisdom

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2. So that you incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding;
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4. If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures,
5. Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. NKJV

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Proverbs 3:1-6 Guidance for the Young

1. My son, do not forget my law but let your heart keep my commands;
2. For the length of days and long life and peace, they will add to you.
3. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,

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Proverbs 3:1-6 Guidance for the Young

4. And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.
5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
6. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

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Proverbs 3:13-18 Guidance for the Young

13. Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding.
14. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
15. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

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Proverbs 3:13-18 Guidance for the Young

16. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left-hand, riches and honor.
17. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
18. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her, and happy is every one that retained her.

Introduction

“A proverb is a concise sentence conveying moral truth.”

The book of Proverbs is in the Wisdom genre. Wisdom is not prophecies or promises; it involves inspired observations about what life typically is like or how it should be. It gives the divine perspective on life.

In Proverbs, King Solomon, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, offered practical observations and advice. These proverbs are short poems containing a holy mixture of common sense and timely warnings.

Introduction

The word "proverb" comes from a Hebrew word that means "to rule or to govern."

These sayings, reminders, and admonitions provide profound advice for governing our lives.

WISDOM  KNOWLEDGE

Lesson Objective: Aim for Change

DEFINE: wisdom both in the context of Proverbs and in terms of its practical application to our own lives;

COMPARE: compare knowledge and wisdom;

DECIDE: to seek God's wisdom in our own lives

a) Know and revere God as our Creator

b) Put our hearts and minds in the proper attitude

c) Humbly willing to receive correction and direction

d) Be teachable, not foolish

King Solomon

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Proverbs:

Wisdom: What is it? (vs. 2:1-5)

Wisdom: Why do we need it? (vs. 3:1-6)

Wisdom: What are its rewards? (13-18)

Note: To gain Godly wisdom, we must sincerely and earnestly search for it.



THE WISE

THE FOOLISH

Characteristics:

- Helps others with good advice
- Enjoy wisdom
- Cautious with reason
- Seek knowledge
- Value wisdom above riches
- Receive life
- Respond to correction
- Pursue wisdom
- Profit from correction
- Trust in wisdom
- Control their anger

Reputation:

- Admired as counselors
- Rewarded with knowledge
- Keep the peace

Results:

- Stay on straight paths
- Their wisdom conquers others
- Avoid wicked paths

PATHWAY OF LIFE

Characteristics:

- Lack judgment
- Enjoy foolishness
- Gullible above the wise
- Feed on foolishness

- Receive punishment
- Respond to punishment
- Pursue illusive dreams, blames failure on God
- Proud and arrogant
- Trust in themselves
- Unleash their anger

Reputation:

- Beaten as servants
- Inherit folly, strife and quarrels
- Stir up anger

Results:

- Goes the wrong way,
- Walk a troublesome path

Closing Thought

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline. (1:7)**

Closing Thought

We gain wisdom through a constant process of growing.

First: we must trust and honor God.

Second: we must realize that the Bible reveals God's wisdom to us.

Third: we must make a life-long series of right choices and avoid moral pitfalls.

Fourth: when we make sinful or mistaken choices, we must learn from our errors and recover.

Fifth: pray for all aspects of wisdom and take the steps to develop them in our lives.