

WEEK ONE



PROVERBS

WISDOM FOR TODAY

WALK IN
WISDOM

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PROVERBS 1:1-9:18
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SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. AN OVERVIEW OF PROVERBS (PROVERBS 1:1-9:18)

A. The purpose of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:1-7)

1. To know wisdom and instruction so that one would have understanding (Proverbs 1:2-6)
2. This will be expressed by understanding of wise words and right living (Proverbs 1:2-6)
3. To live as a wise person begins with the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7)

B. The practicality of wisdom from the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:8-19)

C. The proposal offered in the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:20-33)

1. The uncommitted are invited to become wise (Proverbs 1:20-22)
2. You can reject the proposal and recap the consequences or accept it (Proverbs 1:23-33)

D. The profitability of wisdom from the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 2:1-22)

E. Two pathways to follow in the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 9:1-6; 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Joshua 24:15)

II. JESUS AND THE WAY OF WISDOM (COLOSSIANS 2:2-4)

A. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:2-3)

1. Jesus possessed and displayed wisdom (Luke 2:40, 46-47; Mark 6:2-3)

2. Jesus is greater wisdom than Solomon (Luke 11:31; 1 Kings 10:1-5)

B. Jesus is the way of truth for life (Proverbs 9:4-6; John 14:6)

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER GOD'S WISDOM IN SENDING JESUS FOR OUR SALVATION (ROMANS 11:33-36)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

? KIDS

1. What is wisdom? How does being wise help someone to live rightly?

2. What is the purpose of the book of Proverbs? Why is the fear of the Lord a key to understanding the book?

? STUDENTS

3. What is the basic proposal that the book of Proverbs offers? How does the proposal relate to the two pathways described in the book? How does the mosaic covenant shape this proposal?

? KIDS+STUDENTS

4. How does Jesus relate to wisdom?

PROVERBS 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

² To know wisdom and instruction,

to understand words of

insight,

³ to receive instruction in wise dealing,

in righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴ to give prudence to the simple,

knowledge and discretion to the youth—

⁵ Let the wise hear and increase in learning,

and the one who understands obtain guidance,

⁶ to understand a proverb and a saying,

the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.