

Proverbs - Be a Wise Guy for God

The Simple, the Mockers and the Fool

Week 2

*How long will you simple ones love your simple ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Proverbs 1:22*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Class Topics

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Purposes of Proverbs - Review

Proverbs are statements of commonplace truth using comparisons or figures of speech
Hebrew poetry uses Parallelism and Intensification (vs rhythm and rhyme)
Proverbs was written by Solomon, Agur and Lemuel (Compiled under Hezekiah)
Solomon was given wisdom and great insight by God (Greater than any before or after)

Five purposes are given for the book of Proverbs:

- For attaining wisdom and discipline
- For understanding words of insight
- For acquiring a disciplined and prudent life (right, just and fair)
- For teaching the wise and guiding the discerning
- For understanding proverbs and parables

Theme: *The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Proverbs 1:7)*

The Fear of the Lord is recognizing that He is in control and seeking to walk in His ways
By seeking God's truths, commands and wisdom we come to understand *The Fear of the Lord*
God gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding to those who fear Him
As we receive His wisdom, we grow to understand His Will & ways and want to follow Him more

Wisdom for Life (Proverbs 24:3-6)

What is Wisdom?

Hebrew Word - *Chokmah*

What does wisdom do for our everyday lives?

Proverbs 24:3-4

What does wisdom do for leaders?

Proverbs 24:5

What does wisdom do for those in charge?

Proverbs 24:6

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5 Rules for Living (Proverbs 3:1-12)

What 5 important command/reward lessons are given for living?

Command (3:1)

Reward (3:2)

Command (3:3)

Reward (3:4)

Command (3:5-6a)

Reward (3:6b)

Command (3:7)

Reward (3:8)

Command (3:9)

Reward (3:10)

What does God's discipline have to go with wisdom?

Proverbs 3:11-12

The Value of Wisdom (Proverbs 3:13-26)

What word does the poem in 3:13-18 begin and end with?

Why is this word used for wisdom?

Proverbs 3:13-15

Why is wisdom worth more than silver, gold and rubies?

Proverbs 3:16a

Proverbs 3:16b

Proverbs 3:17a

Proverbs 3:17b

Proverbs 3:18a

Proverbs 3:18b

Why should we consider wisdom so valuable for our lives?

Proverbs 3:19-20

How does Solomon summarize his teaching on the value of wisdom?

Proverbs 3:21-26

Those Who Reject Wisdom (Proverbs 1:20-33)

How accessible is wisdom for those who really seek it?

Proverbs 1:20-21

What 3 groups are identified who lack wisdom? How do they differ?

Proverbs 1:22

What do the 3 groups have in common?

Proverbs 1:28-31

What can these 3 groups expect?

Proverbs 1:32 (see also 1:26-27)

How does this differ from those who seek wisdom?

Proverbs 1:33

How can we avoid the curses and consequences of those who reject God and His wisdom?

Proverbs 2:11-12

How do we then reap the rewards of God's wisdom?

Proverbs 2:20-22

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The Simple (Proverbs 9:1-6)

What are some of the primary problems of the Simple?

Proverbs 7:7

Proverbs 14:15

Proverbs 22:3

What can the Simple expect if he does not gain prudence?

Proverbs 14:18

Proverbs 1:32

How can the Simple gain prudence and escape this destiny?

Proverbs 1:1-4

The Mocker (Proverbs 9:7-12)

What is the primary problem of the Mocker?

Proverbs 21:24

Proverbs 26:12

Proverbs 29:8 (13:10)

How easily can we correct the Mocker?

Proverbs 15:12

Proverbs 9:7-8

How should a Mocker be treated?

Proverbs 22:10

Proverbs 21:11

The Fool (Proverbs 9:13-18)

What are some of the characteristics of the Fool?

Proverbs 17:24

Proverbs 12:11 (14:12)

Proverbs 23:9 (17:10, 16; 27:22)

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 18:6-7 (12:23; 13:16; 17:28)

Proverbs 24:7

Proverbs 18:2 (12:15; 20:3)

Proverbs 29:11 (12:16)

Proverbs 10:23 (13:19; 15:21)

What does Solomon say about associating with the Fool?

Proverbs 13:20

Proverbs 17:12

Proverbs 17:25 (17:21)

Proverbs 26:4 (26:1-12)

How can parents keep the folly of children from growing into the Fool?

Proverbs 22:15

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Proverbial Quiz

1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. Reckless words pierce like a sword, but | a. teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. (9:9) |
| 2. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; | b. with humility comes wisdom. (11:2) |
| 3. A simple man believes anything, but | c. the tongue of the wise brings healing. (12:18) |
| 4. When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but | d. a prudent man gives thought to his steps. (14:15) |
| 5. A truthful witness does not deceive, but | e. if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer. (9:12) |
| 6. A truthful witness saves lives, but | f. a false witness tells lies. (12:17) |
| 7. If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; | g. a false witness pours out lies. (14:5) |
| 8. A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but | h. a false witness is deceitful. (14:25) |
| 9. The wealth of the wise is their crown, but | i. a wise man listens to advice. (12:15) |
| 10. The wise woman builds her house, but | j. the heart of fools blurts out folly. (12:23) |
| 11. He who trusts in himself is a fool, but | k. a companion of fools suffers harm. (13:20) |
| 12. The way of a fool seems right to him, but | l. with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down. (14:1) |
| 13. A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but | m. the folly of fools yields folly. (14:24) |
| 14. He who walks with the wise grows wise, but | n. he who walks in wisdom is kept safe. (28:26) |

2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

A fool and his _____ are soon parted
A good man is hard to _____
A little knowledge is a _____
Absolute power _____ absolutely

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool
than to _____
Boys will be _____
Easy come, _____
Every dog has his _____

Fools rush in where angels fear to _____
Grass is always greener on _____
He that lies down with dogs shall rise up with _____
He who laughs last _____
He who lives by the sword shall _____

It takes one to _____
It's not worth crying over _____
Live for today for tomorrow _____
Misery loves _____
People who live in glass houses _____

Pride comes before _____
Stupid is as _____
There are none so blind as those that _____
There's a sucker born _____

Those who do not learn from history
are _____
Tomorrow never _____
Two wrongs don't _____
You can't teach an old dog _____