

**Smart Living: The Book of Proverbs
“Choosing Wisdom” 1 of 7
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

By **wisdom** a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through **knowledge** its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful **treasures**.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV)

A wise man has **great power**, and a man of knowledge **increases strength**;

Proverbs 24:5 (NIV)

Why Study The Book Of Proverbs?

1. Wisdom Will Help Us Live Disciplined and Successful Lives

These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to **teach people wisdom and discipline**, to help them understand the **insights** of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to **live disciplined and successful lives**, to help them do what is **right, just, and fair**. These proverbs will give **insight** to the simple, **knowledge** and **discernment** to the young. Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even **wiser**. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. **Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge**, but **fools despise wisdom and discipline**. **Proverbs 1:1-7 (NLT2)**

2. Wise People Learn To Listen To Correction

Where Foolish People Continue To Reject Correction

“Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate: “How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge? Come and listen to my counsel. I’ll share my heart with you and make you wise.” “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.

Proverbs 1:20-25 (NLT2)

“When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. For they **hated knowledge** and **chose not to fear the LORD**. They **rejected my advice** and **paid no attention when I corrected them**. Therefore, **they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way**, choking on their own schemes. For **simpletons** turn away from me—to death. Fools are destroyed by their own **complacency**. **But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm.**” Proverbs 1:28-33 (NLT2)

3. To Be Wise I Must Choose God’s Word To Be My Foundation

My child, **listen** to what I say, and treasure my commands. **Tune your ears to wisdom**, and **concentrate on understanding**. **Cry out for insight**, and **ask for understanding**. **Search for them** as you would for **silver**; seek them like **hidden treasures**. Then you will understand what it means to **fear the LORD**, and you will **gain knowledge of God**. **For the LORD grants wisdom!** From His mouth come **knowledge and understanding**. **He grants a treasure of common sense** to the honest. He is a **shield** to those who walk with **integrity**.

Proverbs 2:1-7 (NLT2)

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. **Proverbs 9:10 (NLT2)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2) Remember Verse

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and **the wisdom of God**. **1 Corinthians 1:24 (NLT2)**

- **Will You Seek God’s Wisdom As Your Foundation?**

My next right step, I will:

[] Read One Chapter of Proverbs each Day

[] Follow Jesus In Believer’s Baptism July 10 – Silver Strand Beach

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Open in Prayer.

Ice breaker: What is the best advice you got from your parents or grandparents?

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Read Proverbs 1:1-7

What is the goal of the book of Proverbs?

What is the difference between knowledge and discernment?

How does worldly knowledge and discernment differ from the Bible?

What is the foundation of knowledge?

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Read Proverbs 1:20-25

Who does God offer wisdom to?

What makes the difference on how people receive it?

Read Proverbs 1:28-33

To whom is rebuke given and why?

What is the consequence of their rejection of wisdom?

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Read Proverbs 2:1-7

How can we receive wisdom?

Who gives wisdom?

What is the Lord's desire for us?

Read Proverbs 9:10

What is the foundation of wisdom?

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What should be the attitude of our hearts?

How do we receive wisdom?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.