

PROVERBS: WISDOM FOR LIFE

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We preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

The Way of WISDOM / LIFE / CHRIST

God-CENTERED & God-SUBMITTING

Pursuing WISDOM & RIGHTEOUSNESS

VALUING & FAITHFUL in relationships

WORKING hard toward the right PRIORITIES

Way of FOLLY / DEATH / SELF

Living APART from & INDEPENDENT of God

Pursuing PLEASURE & Living for NOW

DEVALUING & UNFAITHFUL in relationships

LAZY or driven toward SELF-GLORIFYING success

VS.

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CONNECTING TOGETHER

Share “highs & lows” from the last week and one area where you felt like you lacked wisdom or failed to act/decide wisely?

And don't forget . . . snap a pic of your Growth Group and post it on your social media sites using #GraceSLOGrowthGroups.

UNDERSTANDING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

1. What challenged or moved you in the message this week? What were your thoughts and feelings as you “came under God's Word” this week? Describe, if any, the role of Proverbs in your spiritual life before this message.
2. Proverbs 1-9 is an invitation to wisdom and an argument for the value of wisdom. Read Chapter 9, the end of this section. What do we learn about wisdom vs. folly in this chapter? What are wisdom & folly likened to in this chapter? What are some verses that jump out at you in this chapter?
3. Read Proverbs 4:1-9. Who are these words from? Who are they for? What is the “beginning of wisdom” in these verses? (Compare with 9:10)

4. Read Proverbs 3:5-12. What is “the fear of the Lord”? Why is the “fear of the Lord” the beginning of wisdom? What does that mean to us now that Christ has come?

5. What is “wise” in the world's eyes? What is foolish? Where does that leave us as those who trust Christ? How should this reality frame our perspective and expectations in the world?

6. Describe someone you know who lived in the “way of wisdom.” Compare and contrast with someone you know who lived in the “way of folly.” What were these people like and what was the fruit and legacy of their lives? Which of the 4 descriptors of the “way of wisdom” is most challenging to you?

7. In light of the Proverbs we've read, read 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. What does this passage say about Christ and how should this impact our reading of the book of Proverbs? How can the Gospel keep us from moralism and from beating up on ourselves and one another?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Share areas in your life where you need wisdom and then ask for it together (James 1:5). Pray that the Lord will help us to live in the “way of wisdom.”