

“A Word to the Wise”

Proverbs 1:1-19

The book of Proverbs was written by a man named _____ (1:1). Solomon was given the choice of health, wealth or wisdom, and he chose _____. There is one _____ in the Bible that promises to give us wisdom - _____ 1:1-2.

According to the Bible, wisdom refers to more than just what you _____; it refers to how you _____. The word wisdom actually means “to live according to _____ expectations.”

If you want to be wise, #1, you must:

1. Recognize God’s Truth. 1:1-2

In order to be wise, you must understand that there is such a thing as absolute truth.

2. Respond to God’s Truth. 1:3

The purpose of learning God’s truth is not just to increase your knowledge, but to change your life. As you respond to God’s truth, you will notice 2 qualities in your life.

A. Discipline. 1:3

B. Righteousness. 1:3 As Christians, we have 2 secret weapons that help us to live right.

1) God’s Word. Ps 119:105, 119:9

2) The Holy Spirit. Gal 5:16

3. Relay God’s Truth. 1:4-9

A. Those Who Don’t Think they Need It. 1:4

1) The Simple. 1:4a

2) The Young. 1:4b

B. Those Who Have it and Want More. 1:5-6

Verses 7-9 reveal two differences between a wise person and a fool.

1) Reverence for God. 1:7, Pro 8:13

2) Respect for Authority. 1:8-9

4. Remind Yourself of God’s Truth. 1:10-19

Even though we know God’s truth, we must continually remind ourselves of the importance of living a life of wisdom.

Solomon gives an example of a man whose friends were begging him to join them in a crime spree. They were doing exactly what the devil wanted them to do (John 10:10).

In verses 15-16 we see the advice God gives to this man who is tempted to join his friends in sin. In 1:17-19, we see that, instead of getting rich, these men ended up getting caught and very likely spent time in prison.

The message of Proverbs 1 is that the way to get what you really want out of life is not to live in sin, but to live a life of wisdom.