

## Friday

Read Proverbs chapter 5. What is the main theme of this chapter?

Why would an entire chapter of Proverbs be devoted to this subject?

In this an issue people still need to learn about in our society today?

How are you doing in this area? Are you tempted sexually or are you stable, faithful to the Lord (and your spouse, if married)?

Write down one verse in particular that you liked in this chapter:

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

## Saturday

*Polish up the memory verse at the top of the page, and finish any daily meditations you may have missed. Please pray for the Lord to work through the lives of every single person in our church. Thank God for the blessing He pours out on you as an individual and on us as a congregation!*



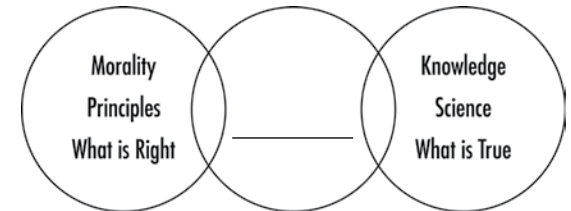
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## How to Live the Good Life

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“Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. Whatever else you get, get insight! Love wisdom and she will make you great!” *Proverbs 4:7–8 GN*



### The importance of wisdom

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. *Proverbs 8:10–11 TNIV*

#### What will wisdom do for me?

She is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. **Long life** is in her right hand; in her left hand are **riches and honor**. Her ways are **pleasant** ways, and all her paths are **peace**. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be **blessed**. *Proverbs 3:14–18*

### The definition of wisdom

“I, wisdom, dwell together with **prudence**; I possess knowledge and discretion . . . Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have **insight**, I have power. By me kings reign and rulers **issue decrees that are just**.” *Proverbs 8:12,14–15*

#### Wisdom is...

- Knowing \_\_\_\_\_
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## The problem of wisdom

“I was there when he set the heavens in place . . . Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in humankind.” *Proverbs 8:27,30–31*

Wisdom is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s creation.  
However, that pattern can be hard to discern!

## A clue to the solution...

Wisdom has built her house . . . She has sent out her servants, and she calls . . . “Let all who are simple come to my house!” To those who have no sense she says, “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.” *Proverbs 9:1,3–5*

Finding wisdom is not just memory work;  
it’s \_\_\_\_\_

In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. *John 1:1–4,9*

## Jesus is the wisdom of God...

- \_\_\_\_\_ you
- \_\_\_\_\_ you
- \_\_\_\_\_ you

How does a person become wise? The first step is to trust and revere the Lord.  
*Proverbs 1:7 LB*

### Resources:


- Tim Keller, *Proverbs: True Wisdom for Living* (Sermon series, Redeemer Presbyterian Church)  
Rick Warren, *Get a Grip On Life* (Sermon series, Saddleback Church)

## Daily Meditations

*During this series, we will read through the entire book of Proverbs in our daily meditation time! These devotions will be simple — just a chance for you to discover Proverbs relevant to your life! Remember, if you stick with this daily meditation program, you’ll have read every verse in the Book of Proverbs by the time this series is over!*

### Monday

What we think of as the “proverbs” of Solomon — the short, one-sentence sayings — don’t really begin until chapter 10. Until then, the writer of Proverbs writes a motivational talk about the necessity of living a wise life.

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Read Proverbs chapter 1. Write three things the writer warns us about:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What does he say will happen if we ignore wisdom for too long?

Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked:

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### Tuesday

Read Proverbs chapter 2. Write five good things the writer says come from wisdom:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What does he warn against in verses 16–19?

Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked.

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### Wednesday

Read Proverbs chapter 3. This chapter is filled with wise advice from a father to his son. Write down five things the father tells his son to do or not to do:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked:

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### Thursday

Read Proverbs chapter 4. This entire chapter has one theme running through every verse. In your own words, what is it?

Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked:

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For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding. *Proverbs 9:10 LB*