

THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM IS A MARK OF DISCERNMENT

BIG TRUTH: THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM IS A MARK OF DISCERNMENT

Proverbs 2:9-15; 14:8; 16:2; 16:21; 21:2; 22:3; 28:26; Philippians 1:9-11

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 17:24; 14:8

“The discerning sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.” Proverbs 17:24

“The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving.” Proverbs 14:8

BIG IDEAS

- Discernment is the ability to see the difference between what is wise and foolish.
- Discernment values wisdom over possessions and fame.
- Discernment pursues wisdom even when others do not.

BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 5:11-6:1

KNEEL: LIVING IN WISDOM

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- What wisdom is.
- Why wisdom is worthy to be pursued.
- How to grow in wisdom.



Every student should feel...

- Love for God who gives all wisdom.
- Satisfied and secure in the wisdom of God.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Proverbs one time each month.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Repent of the ways they have not pursued God and His wisdom.



Every student should want...

- To fear the Lord and keep His commandments.
- To live their lives in pursuit of true wisdom.
- To guard their heart from all impurity.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what discernment is and how to grow in it as we pray for them to grow in discernment. We will lead them to practice pursuing wisdom even when their friends are not.

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Read Hebrews 5:11-6:1 and make notes in your journal about your observations and record the answers to these questions:

- Define spiritual milk and spiritual meat. How can you help your son or daughter understand the difference?
- How does discernment guide us to seek spiritual meat over spiritual milk?
- What does it look like to seek spiritual meat?
- Why is it important to grow in spiritual meat? How does this growth affect our spiritual walk?

Read and meditate on Hebrews 5:11-6:1 this week and use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the definition of discernment. How can you discuss the importance of discernment with your son or daughter?
- Consider how you can model pursuing wisdom over possessions and fame.
- Ponder how you can help your son or daughter grow in their discernment this week so that they pursue wisdom no matter what.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to guide them to pursue wisdom above all else.
- Meet with your student this week to pray with them. Pray that they would value wisdom over their possessions and fame.



Memorize Proverbs 17:24 and 14:8 with your son or daughter this week.

- Help your son or daughter make a list of some of their favorite possessions. Discuss with them if they value their possessions more than wisdom. Discuss some ways they can grow to value wisdom more than they value their possessions.
- Meet with your student to discuss what it looks like to value wisdom over possessions and fame. Help them describe the life that values wisdom over possessions and fame.