

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

Proverbs 2:9-15; 14:8; 16:2, 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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the truth that discernment pursues wisdom. We will pray for discernment to help us seek wisdom as we practice growing in our knowledge and understanding of God.

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

- What is the spiritual milk that the author of Hebrews mentions in these verses? How do we seek the spiritual milk instead of spiritual meat?
- How does discernment help us to pursue spiritual meat instead of remaining satisfied with spiritual milk?
- How are our discernment skills sharpened? Why is it important that they are sharpened?

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

- Ponder the meaning of discernment. How does discernment guide you to study God's Word? Do you see the value of studying God's Word daily?
- Consider your daily pursuit of wisdom. Does your life reveal that you value it more than your possessions and fame? How can you set aside your love of possessions and fame in order to pursue wisdom more?
- Ponder the type of study you are engaging in. Do you seek to take in spiritual meat or spiritual milk?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- Ask God to help you grow in discernment so that you can grow spiritually.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you identify the things in your life that you value more than wisdom. Repent of these things and commit to pursuing wisdom.



Memorize Proverbs 17:24 and 14:8 this week.

- Ask a friend or your parents help you memorize the verses.
- Complete a word study of discernment. Use a Bible app or the concordance in the back of your Bible to look up verses that mention discernment. Write down what you learn from Scripture about discernment.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss what you learn about discernment. Discuss practical ways you can grow in discernment, such as praying, reading your Bible, practicing obedience to God's Word, etc.