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Proverbs 2:20; 3:6-7; 4:10-15, 26-27; 5:5-6; 8:32-36; 14:12; Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 14:1

"The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down."

BIG IDEAS

- Everyone is pursuing a path.
- The pursuit of wisdom is a pursuit of God's rule and reign over our lives.
- The pursuit of folly always looks pleasing to the eyes, mind, and heart, but it ends in death.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 9

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 it looks like to pursue the path of wisdom. We will pray for them to pursue God's rule and reign over their lives as we will lead them to practice rejecting the path of folly.

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Read Proverbs 9 and make note of your observations in your journal. Answer these questions in your journal as well:

- Compare the path of wisdom and folly as described in these verses. How is the wisdom seen as life-giving and folly seen as life-taking?
- What does it mean to be simple? How are we all simple and in need of wisdom?
- How does folly tempt people to follow her? What does she truly offer?
- What does the path of wisdom offer people?
- Why does it not profit to correct a foolish person?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 9 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that folly leads to destruction. How can you help your son or daughter understand that folly leads us all to death and destruction?
- Consider the ways that you have been tempted to follow folly. How can you help your son or daughter see the ways they are tempted to follow folly?
- Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to pursue God's rule and reign over their lives.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them pursue His rule and reign over their lives.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them see the ways they are following folly and not wisdom.



Memorize Proverbs 14:1 with your son or daughter this week.

- Review the verse every day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that this world tempts us to follow folly. Help them identify some of the areas of their own lives that they've chosen to follow folly instead of wisdom.
- Meet with your student this week to discuss some ways that they can pursue the rule and reign of God in their life. Help them identify ways they can help expand His kingdom through the local church.