

THE WAY OF WISDOM AND FOLLY
ARE TWO SEPARATE PATHS**BIG TRUTH: THE WAY OF WISDOM AND FOLLY ARE TWO SEPARATE PATHS**

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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the path we are pursuing as we pray for wisdom to pursue the path that leads to eternal life. We will practice pursuing God's rule and reign over our lives.

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

- What does it mean to leave simple ways and live? What are some simple ways that we should leave in order to live?
- What is insight? What does it mean to walk in the way of insight?
- Why does a person who corrects a scoffer receive abuse?
- Why do wise people love reproof? What does this reveal about a wise person's heart?
- How do verses 1-12 describe the way of wisdom?
- How is folly described in verse 13?
- With what does folly tempt a simple person?
- Compare the way of folly with the way of wisdom.

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

- Ponder the way wisdom is described in Proverbs 9. Are you on the path of wisdom? What in your life reveals this?
- Consider if you are growing in wisdom or remaining simple. How can you tell you are growing in wisdom?
- Ponder the way folly is described. What in your life reveals you might be on the path of folly?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- Ask God to help you see the ways you pursue folly instead of wisdom. Repent of those ways and commit to pursue wisdom.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you to pursue God's rule and reign over your life.



Memorize Proverbs 14:1 this week.

- Ask a friend or your parents to help you learn it.
- Make a list of activities and the ways you spend your time. Next to each one note if it is a pursuit of wisdom or folly. Discuss this list with your parents and determine to pursue the path of wisdom over folly.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss how you can practically pursue the rule and reign of God in your life. Discuss how your small group leader seeks to expand God's kingdom and how you can do the same.