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Proverbs 2:7; 4:23-27; 5:21-23; 12:15; 21:2; 28:14; Psalm 52

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 28:26

“Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.”

BIG IDEAS

- We are prone to self-destruction.
- Following the heart is the path to folly and destruction.
- Wisdom delivers us from ourselves by pointing us to God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 KINGS 3

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 the truth that God’s wisdom leads us to Him and away from trusting in ourselves. We will pray for them to trust God’s wisdom over their own and we will lead them to practice submitting to His Word and not following their heart.

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Read 1 Kings 3 and mark any observations and answer the questions below to help you discuss this passage with your son or daughter:

- Read 1 Chronicles 16:39; 21:29 and 2 Chronicles 1:3. What is the connection between God appearing to Solomon at Gibeon and Solomon sacrificing at the high places?
- How does David's life of faithfulness impact the life of Solomon? How does this show in Solomon's request of the Lord?
- Why does Solomon's request please the Lord?
- How does Solomon reveal God has answered his request? How do the people respond?

Read and meditate on 1 Kings 3. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the ways we are prone to self-deception. How can you discuss ways you have been self-deceived? How can you help your son or daughter understand how they are deceived by their own hearts?
- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the ways our hearts lead us to folly. How can you help your son or daughter understand that our hearts can't be trusted?
- Ponder how you can model for your son or daughter trusting in God's wisdom and looking to Him for deliverance from ourselves.



Spend time praying with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them choose to follow His wisdom and not their hearts.
- Pray with your student this week. Model asking God to help you see the deceptiveness of your heart and ask Him to show them the ways their hearts deceive them.



Memorize Proverbs 28:26 this week.

- Write the verse on an index card or put it in your phone.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the ways that your hearts lead us astray. Discuss with them some of the ways we can turn away from our hearts and toward God's truth instead.
- Meet with your student to discuss some ways that he or she can better recognize the ways they follow their hearts instead of following God's truth.