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BIG TRUTH: WISDOM SAVES US FROM OURSELVES

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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the truth that wisdom delivers us from ourselves. We will pray for a heart that seeks God's wisdom above all else and we will practice following God's way and not our own hearts.

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Read 1 Kings 3 and mark your observations and answers to the questions below in your journal:

- Read 1 Chronicles 16:39, 21:29, and 2 Chronicles 1:3. What is significant about the place God appeared to Solomon?
- What did Solomon mean when he said David had “walked before you in faithfulness”?
- Why did it please God that Solomon asked for an understanding mind?
- What promise did God make to Solomon if he walked according to His ways and kept His statutes and commandments?
- How did Solomon show that God had given him wisdom? What was the people’s reaction to God giving Solomon wisdom?

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

- Ponder the truth that we need to be rescued from ourselves. How can you see in your own decision-making that you need to be saved from yourself? What decisions have you made that you regret?
- Consider how God has helped you make wise decisions. How has this led you to a deeper relationship with Him?
- Ponder how you can recognize the times you wrongly choose your own wisdom over God’s. How can you submit to God’s leading over the desires of your heart daily?



Spend time praying with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you recognize the areas of your life that lack wisdom. Ask Him to guide you to fully rely upon Him and the wisdom that is found in obeying His Word.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to guide you to die to your own ideas of wisdom and to turn to God and His Word instead.



Memorize Proverbs 28:26 this week by writing the verse in your phone or on an index card.

- Ask a friend or your parents to memorize it with you.
- Make a list of some of the things you desire the most. Next, write down if those things are things that lead you to God or away from God. Meet with your parents and discuss the desires you have in your heart. Discuss a time when you have felt sure of something and then it has turned out a completely different way in reality.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to make a list of Bible verses that you can memorize or write down to help you discipline yourself to turn to God’s wisdom and not to rely upon your own wisdom. Discuss some ways that you foolishly trust in yourself over trusting God’s Word.