

word **TO THE** wise

A S E R I E S I N P R O V E R B S

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Part 3 | **Jesus is Wisdom**

Proverbs 8

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

14 I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just;

16 by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly.

17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

18 Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice,

21 granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

22 "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

26 before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains

of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

To get **WISDOM**

v. 1-11

wisdom's call

v. 1-5; Acts 17:30

wisdom's offer

v. 6-11, James 1:21; Matthew 6:24, 33

get **JESUS**

v. 12-31

Jesus and Wisdom

Luke 2:40; Mark 1:22, 6:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Colossians 2:2-3

Matthew 11:18-19; Luke 11:31; Mark 6:2

John 1:1-6

Colossians 1:15-17; Revelation 3:14

and get **LIFE.**

v. 32-36

true, abiding, abundant life

John 10:10; Matthew 10:39; John 8:12; Colossians 3:4



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

This summer we're in a series called "Word to the Wise". We'll be studying parts of the book of Proverbs and seeking the wisdom it offers. Have you every wanted wisdom? James tells us it's a good thing and we should ask for it (**James 1:5**), but there's also some effort to be put in on our end. Scripture makes it clear we don't get wisdom on accident but by searching for it like a hidden treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-22**).

This summer let's make an effort to read from Proverbs every day.

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- 1. What applies to me today?** (*And how can I do it—in thought, attitude, word, or deed?*)
- 2. Where have I seen this in others?**
- 3. Where have I experienced this?**

Ideas to Maximize Your Reading of Proverbs:

Pick a Time: If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.

Mark it Up: Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.

Write Down Your Thoughts: Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

Use an App: Below are sites/apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer. There is even an audio option for listening instead of reading. Each app allows you to mark up verses, jot down notes, as well as share your thoughts with friends.

Gateway Bible Proverb Reading Plan

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/proverbs-monthly/today?version=NIV>

YouVersion Bible Proverb Reading Plan (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs>

Faithlife Study Bible (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://support.faithlife.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032481712-Reading-Plans>

Ease Up: If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "Forget about it..." and give up! Just pick it up the next day and keep going!

* This week's Food for Thought is adapted from a discussion guide by North Coast Church in Vista, CA and "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Book of Proverbs" by Tim Keller. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible, part of the EFCA.

Life Groups Return in the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin. **Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups over the summer.**





APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connected in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁸For the **word** of the **cross** is **folly** to those who are **perishing**, but to us who are **being saved** it is the **power** of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will **destroy** the **wisdom** of the **wise**, and the **discernment** of the **discerning** I will **thwart**." ²⁰Where is the one who is **wise**? Where is the **scribe**? Where is the **debater** of this age? Has not God **made foolish** the **wisdom** of the **world**? ²¹For since, in the **wisdom** of God, the **world** did not **know** God through **wisdom**, it **pleased** God through the **folly** of what we **preach** to **save** those who **believe**. ²²For **Jews demand signs** and **Greeks seek wisdom**, ²³but we **preach Christ crucified**, a **stumbling block** to **Jews** and **folly** to **Gentiles**, ²⁴but to those who are **called**, **both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power** of God and the **wisdom** of God. ²⁵For the **foolishness** of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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