

*“There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.”*

– Proverbs 14:12

Wisdom is a direction, not an equation.

Proverbs are practical observations about life and how it typically works.

FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE FOCUSED ON IN PROVERBS:
(Proverbs 1:20-23)

1. **The Simple.**
(Proverbs 1:4; 7:6-27; 14:15; 22:3; etc...)
2. **The Fool.**
(Proverbs 10:21; 12:15; 14:1,7-9; 17:21; 26:12; etc...)
3. **The Arrogant Mocker.**
(Proverbs 3:33,34; 9:7-12; 13:1; 14:6; 15:12; 21:24; 26:12; 29:8; etc...)
4. **The Wise.**
(Proverbs 8:33; 9:9; 10:8; 10:19; 12:15; 13:20; 14:16; 15:24; 29:11; etc...)

Someone who is wise can connect the dots between your Present Actions and Future Reactions.

The most important thing: Be Teachable!
(Proverbs 1:7; 9:9; 15:5; 19:20,25)

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

Think about the wisest person in your life... How would you describe them? What do you think makes them this way?

Wise people decide the kind of input they allow into their lives.
(Psalm 1:1,2; Proverbs 9:9,10; 13:20)

Who do you let speak into your life?

Going Deeper

Can wisdom be developed or if you realize you've been a fool, can you change?

Read Luke 2:52. What does this passage say about Jesus and wisdom? If it was this way for Jesus, what do you think that means for us?

There is good news for us fools... God can change you!
Read Romans 12:1-2.

What are the things God says he will do in this passage as you let him transform you?

Read Jesus' parable in Luke 7:24-27.

According to Jesus, what characterizes someone who is foolish?

What characterizes someone who is wise?

Every person builds a life and storms come to all of us. We have a choice to be a wise or foolish in how we construct our lives... Which will you be?

Read what Paul says about living wise in Ephesians 5:15-20.

What is Paul instructing us not to do that would be foolish:

What is Paul instructing us to do that would be wise:

You can be wiser than Yoda!

Throughout the month of August, you can join us as we read through a chapter a day of Proverbs. Click on the "Wiser Than Yoda" button on our main page and we can share this experience together.

Let's be like Jesus and grow!

"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." (Luke 2:52 – NLT)

REAL LIFE. REAL GOD. REAL STORIES.

"My faith grows when I give voice to what God has already done so I can ask Him with outrageous faith to do the next big thing in my life."

Share briefly your story of what God has done.

A Guide to help you share:

- What was your need you brought to God. (The need for love, acceptance, fear, anger, bitterness, financial, relationship, health)
- What great dream or desire did you bring to God?
- What was your attitude toward God when you asked.
- How specifically did God meet your need?
- How has this grown your faith?

We will be recording these stories regularly over the coming weeks. Consider sharing your God story to inspire the faith of everyone.

PRAYER REQUESTS