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Living a Life of Wisdom – Pastor Tim Wood

Where Wisdom Starts  
Proverbs 1:1-7

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (wisdom), but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”**

1. Godly wisdom is valuable.
  - Two practical living skills from wisdom
  
2. Godly wisdom begins by fearing God.
  - Fearing God is gladly submitting to the gracious majesty of God who controls all things.
  - Solomon feared God
  - Fearing God produces –
  
3. It’s foolish to despise wisdom.
  - A) The fool\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B) The fool\_\_\_\_\_.
  - C) The fool\_\_\_\_\_.
  - D) The fool\_\_\_\_\_.

**Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study**

**Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:7**

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**Discovery Bible Study Exercise:** In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Proverbs 1:7
- Step #2: Re-write Proverbs 1:7 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage?

**Daily Bible Meditation:**

A Study of Wisdom from God given to King Solomon

- Day 1 – 1 Kings 3:1-15
- Day 2 – 1 King 3:16-28
- Day 3 – 1 Kings 4:29-34
- Day 4 – Proverbs 1:1-19
- Day 5 – Proverbs 1:20-33

**Lesson: Wisdom**

1. Where does wisdom come from? What does Proverbs 1:7 teach us about receiving wisdom?
  
2. What does it mean to have fear of the Lord?
  
3. What is preventing you from gladly submitting to the gracious majesty of God who controls all things?

*Wisdom comes from God! God speaks to us through His word. Therefore it is right to say that wisdom comes from learning God’s word. Each week we provide for you three ways to receive wisdom if you will apply these principles.*

- i. **Memory Verse:** Study it, meditate on it, and memorize it each day of the week. Write it out, post it in various places, quote it, and think on it throughout the day. Wisdom will come through memory as God reminds you of His truth during everyday encounters.
- ii. **Discovery Exercise:** Following the discovery Bible study steps will not only help you memorize but also allow you to think on the verse in a way that begins to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth from His word, which in turn will teach you and guide your life.
- iii. **Daily Meditation Reading:** As you take in God’s word on a daily basis you begin to know God better and His wisdom is transferred to you through the working of His Holy Spirit and you begin to understand His plan, purpose, and pleasure more and more.