

WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Proverbs 1; 3-4



King Solomon wrote many proverbs. Proverbs are short sayings that give wisdom and help people live in ways that are right and good. By following these proverbs, people can gain wisdom and receive guidance for life.

The book of Proverbs is filled with many of King Solomon's wise sayings. King Solomon taught people to fear the Lord and trust in Him.

Solomon said it is wise to keep God's commandments, for they will bring a long, full life.

Another proverb Solomon wrote was, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. Don't think of yourself as wise," Solomon wrote. "Instead fear the Lord and turn away from evil."

Solomon also said, "Honor the Lord with everything you own."

Some of Solomon's proverbs were warnings, such as "Do not hate the Lord's instruction, and do not hate His discipline. The Lord disciplines the one He loves."

Solomon's proverbs show there are two ways to live: with God's wisdom or without God's wisdom. He wrote, "Don't walk in the path of the wicked. But stay on the path of the righteous where light always shines brighter and brighter."

Christ Connection: Solomon's proverbs encourage God's people to trust in the Lord. Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, all the way to His death on the cross for our sins. He rose again and continues to lead us to love and trust God the Father.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Then rewrite the verses in your own words.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Solomon said there are only two paths in life. What are they?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Recognizing that our own understanding is sinful helps us see our need for Jesus. God calls us to trust in Jesus with all of our hearts. Jesus died on the cross to save us from walking on the path of the wicked, which leads to death. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness of sins and life with Him forever.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » Why is it important to not depend on our own understanding?

- » Does it matter who we follow or the friends we choose? Why?

- » What are some practical ways Christians can grow in wisdom?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Proverbs 3:7 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to make you righteous and guide you on the path to life.

READ THE WORD

Think about how fearing God and trusting in Him is best. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Proverbs 3:5-6

☐ Proverbs 4:10-19

☐ Proverbs 9:10-11

☐ 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

☐ Proverbs 3:13

☐ Proverbs 15:33