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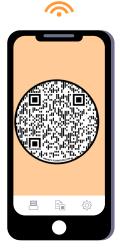
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- · My Study Notes section so you can write down any lessons, points, questions, references, or your answers to the questions if you run out of space.
- · Time to Think sidebar offers some encouragement, connection, definition, or tip to aid you in your study time.

There also are classes, videos, and blogs built into this workbook to help you! Our hope is that through this study you grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

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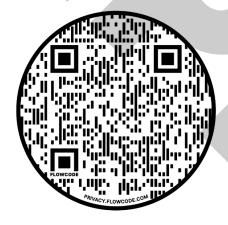
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son of David, king of Israel; 2

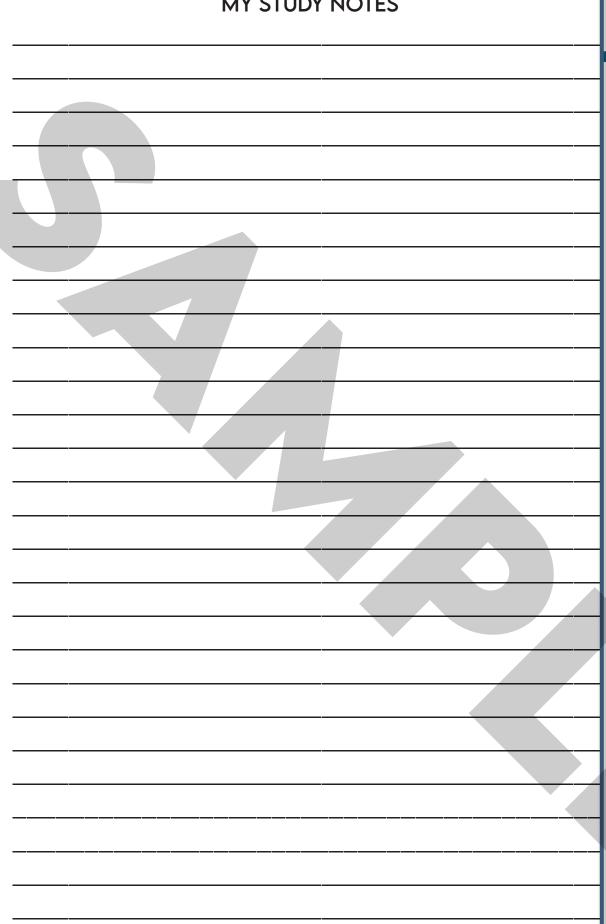
To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise {man} will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of the LORD (is) the beginning of knowledge: {but} fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 9 For they (shall be) an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. 10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: 12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: 13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: 14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy

foot from their path: 16 For their feet run to evil, and make The haste to shed blood. 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. 18 And they lay wait for their lownly blood; they lurk privily for their lownl lives. 19 So larel the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; {which} taketh away the life of the owners thereof. 20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: 21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, (saying), 22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? 23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be guiet from fear of evil.

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KNOWLEDGE CHECK	PERSONAL APPLICATION
1. What will a wise man do?	What verse stands out to you? Why?
2. What is the beginning of knowledge?	<u></u>
3. What do fools despise?	Z
4. How should we deal with sinners?	How can you apply wisdom from this chapter to your life?
5. What are two benefits of hearkening unto wisdom?	2

MY STUDY NOTES





DEFINITION:

When people think of Proverbs, the first word that comes to mind is wisdom. We find in the introductory verses, Proverbs is a book.

Prov. 1:2-3 *To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity..."

But, what is wisdom? Wisdom is about the application of knowledge. Wisdom instructs us on how to do something. Wisdom shapes what we say (or don't say), and often gives the 'what,' 'where,' 'when,' or 'how' to do, act, or handle a situation. Let's seek and grow in the wisdom of God!

PROVERBS 2

1 My son, if thou wilt receive

my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, {and} apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, landly liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 lf thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as {for} hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth {cometh} knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: the ist a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; {yea}, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil (man), from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil, landly delight in the frowardness of

the wicked; 15 Whose ways larel crooked, and Itheyl froward in their paths: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, levent from the stranger which! flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good Iment, and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

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4. What does the LORD do for his saints?	
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5. What two things does this chapter speak of	
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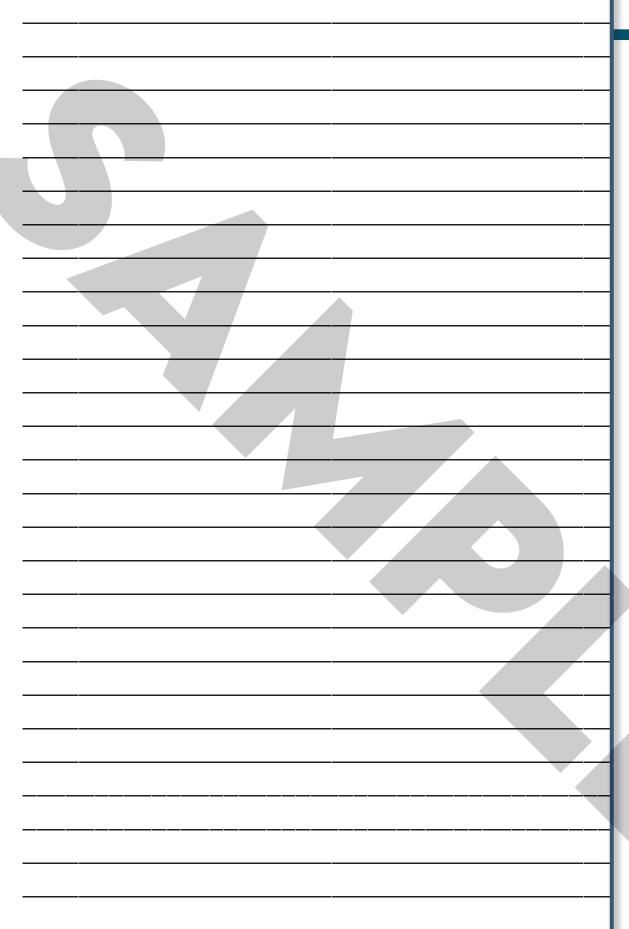
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MY STUDY NOTES



CONNECTION:

Need wisdom? Want to know how? Ask God! James 1:5-6 says, 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering... 'This goes right along with this chapter, and the truth that, 'the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Prov. 2:6). As you study, look at the verbs used in verses 2-4 around gaining wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.



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PROVERBS 3

1 My son,

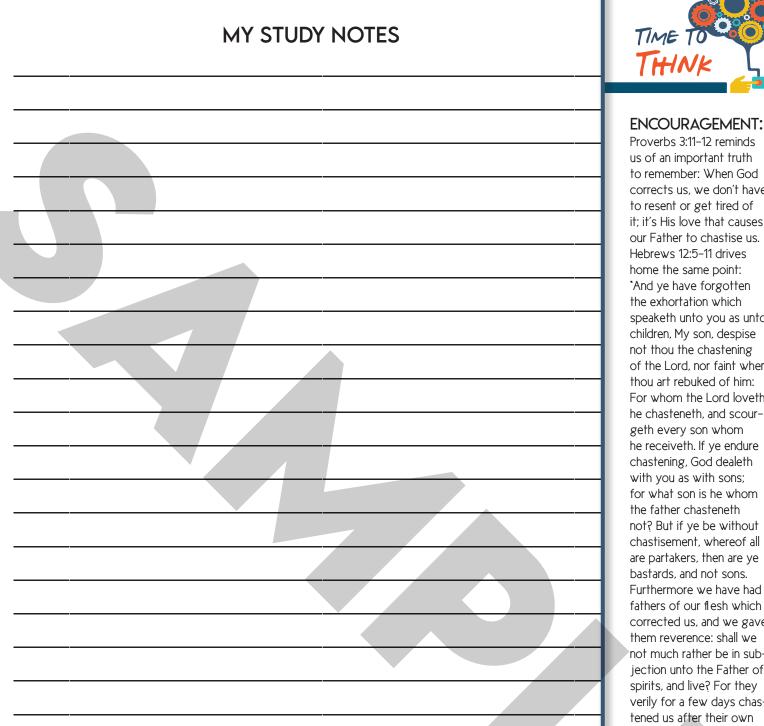
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law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. 11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son (in whom) he delighteth. 13 Happy (is) the man (that) findeth wisdom, and the man {that} getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it list better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She list more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days (is) in her right hand; (and) in her left hand riches and honour. 17 Her ways (are) ways of pleasantness, and all her paths (are) peace. 18 She (is) a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy (is every onel that retaineth her. 19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. 20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. 21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: 22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. 26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. 27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do (it). 28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. 29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. 30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. 31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. 32 For the froward (is) abomination to the LORD: but his secret list with the righteous. 33 The curse of the LORD list in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. 35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. What two things should we not let forsake us?	5	What verse stands out to you? Why?
2. What should we not despise nor be weary of?	1 H	
3. What did the LORD do by wisdom and understanding?	大	How can you apply wisdom from this chapter to your life
4. What should we not withhold?	APF	
5. Who is the LORD's secret with?	K	





us of an important truth to remember: When God corrects us, we don't have to resent or get tired of it; it's His love that causes our Father to chastise us. Hebrews 12:5-11 drives *And ye have forgotten speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom not? But if ve be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Is God correcting you? Be encouraged! He's a good FATHER and He LOVES you!

WATCH WISDOM: THE INTRODUCTION





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When you think of the book of Proverbs, what word comes to mind? WISDOM is the first word many (if not most) people will say. Proverbs teaches us, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Prov. 4:7). The questions often arise: What is wisdom? Why is it the principal or first thing? How can I get God's wisdom? Let's take a look.

WHAT IS WISDOM?

While knowledge is about facts, wisdom is about the APPLICATION of knowledge. Wisdom teaches you how to use and apply information to deal with various situations. It often answers questions like,

- How do I do this? When or where should I do it?
- What is the best way to do this?
- How should I handle this situation?
- Wisdom instructs us on how to do something. It shapes what we say (or don't say), and often gives what, where, when, or how to do, act, or handle a specific circumstance. God's wisdom is SO relevant in real life! Get wisdom!

WISDOM: THE INTRODUCTION

WHY IS WISDOM THE PRINCIPAL THING?

Wisdom, according to Proverbs 4:7, is the principal thing – it should be first, a priority for believers, and valued more than silver or gold. In fact the Bible says, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her" (Prov. 3:13–15). But why?

Godly wisdom (along with His knowledge, understanding, and instruction) allows us to build on a strong foundation. Wisdom gives a solid basis for how we act and react, the way we walk and talk. Wisdom generally (and in Proverbs specifically) is amazing because when applied, it positively affects our decisions, jobs, relationships, ministries, and so much more on a spiritual and natural level. Get wisdom! If we walk in wisdom, every area of our lives will be better.

Ecclesiastes 9 is an excellent example of this. It tells a story of "a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it" (Ecc. 9:14). It would seem that in this circumstance (when a great king goes against a small city with just a few people), defeat would be certain BUT not if someone has wisdom and uses it! The Bible records in the next verse, "Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city" (Ecc. 9:15). The city was saved because of this poor man's wisdom! The Bible doesn't give us the details of his actions in this passage, but we know wisdom must have given him instructions on HOW to handle the situation effectively, victoriously, wisely! The writer concluded, with three powerful statements:

- Wisdom is better than strength (Ecc. 9:16).
- The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools (Ecc. 9:17).
- Wisdom is better than weapons of war (Ecc. 9:18).

We can seek strength, volume, or war, but wisdom is better! In many cases, wisdom will get you further! Wisdom is the principal thing!

HOW CAN I GET GOD'S WISDOM?

God's wisdom is readily available in God's Word. As we study and commit to live by the Word, we learn that if we need wisdom for a specific situation, stage, or circumstance, we must ASK GOD! Go to the source of true wisdom, the only wise God (1 Tim. 1:17)! James 1:5 puts it simply: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that given to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."...



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