

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, <sup>13</sup> who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, <sup>14</sup> who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, <sup>15</sup> whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

<sup>16</sup>It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, <sup>17</sup> who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. <sup>18</sup> For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. <sup>19</sup> None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.

<sup>20</sup>Thus you will walk in the ways of the just and keep to the paths of the righteous. <sup>21</sup> For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; <sup>22</sup> but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it. (Proverbs 2)

### 1. The Search for Wisdom (v.1-5)

### 2. The Source of Wisdom (v.6)

### 3. The Sense of Wisdom (v.7-11)

**BUZZ GROUPS:** Give an example of when you have not had good judgement in a decision you have had to make.

### 4. The Salvation of Wisdom (v.12-19)

**BUZZ GROUPS:** Give an example of when wisdom has enabled you to be saved from moral wickedness or sexual waywardness.

## 5. The Success of Wisdom (v.20-22)

### Conclusion:

Jesus Christ is the “wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24)

Jesus “has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30)

# Living a Wise Life

*Six sessions applying Old Testament Wisdom Literature to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living*

## Week 1: Pursue Wisdom

*(Proverbs 2)*

### Introduction:

<sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup>for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; <sup>3</sup> for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; <sup>4</sup> for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young - <sup>5</sup> let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance - <sup>6</sup> for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise (Proverbs 1:1-6)

a) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Practical***

b) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Provoking***

c) *Proverbs is Intentionally **Pragmatic***

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, <sup>3</sup> and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, <sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup> He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, <sup>8</sup> for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

<sup>9</sup>Then you will understand what is right and just and fair— every good path. <sup>10</sup> For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

### MINISTRY TIME: