

	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”</i> – Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about how to live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!</p>	
Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com	WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: BE FAITHFUL & KEEP GROWING!	Jan 11, 2024
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-6; II Peter 1:3, 4; I Kings 4:29; I Kings 3:9-14; Proverbs 22:3</p> <p>Music: Dax - "To Be A Man" Remix (Feat. Darius Rucker) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuyisGsNr4g</p> <p>Video: How To Read the Books of Solomon - https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/books-solomon/</p> <p>Resources - <i>GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE</i> by Timothy Keller <i>PROVERBS FOR YOU</i> by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING WISDOM – DISCRETION! - Proverbs 1:3, 4.

1. _____ → You can be a moral person and still not be wise. There are visionaries who see where we should go but have little idea of the practical steps for bringing the goal into reality. To be wise is to anticipate problems without falling into either danger of overconfidence or the paralysis of overcaution. Discretion is a form of foresight, knowing what kinds of behavior will lead to what result (Proverbs 22:3).
2. _____ → We learn from times when we did not have the discretion to know how to accomplish the goal. Being faithful is more important than being successful. Only then will we be freed from the pride and fear that prevent true success.

KNOWING WISDOM – LEARNING! - Proverbs 1:5

1. _____ → The Hebrew word for learning means extensive study. You have to be knowledgeable about a subject before you can apply it with the discipline, discernment, and discretion of wisdom.
2. _____ → To be wise we must understand human nature, how human relationships work, suffering and death, and the character of God himself. Wisdom is wedding thought and experience to become “competent with regard to the realities of life.” True wisdom requires deep knowledge of the Scriptures.

KNOWING WISDOM – Be a Wise Man – SET GOALS! - Proverbs 1:1-6

1. _____ → Setting goals for a new year are an important sign that we’re intentional about growth and allowing God to refine us in our callings—work and business, home and church, private and public witness.
2. _____ → Goal setting is based on the premise that we must decide what is beneficial to our own life and set goals to achieve it. I trust God to guide me in these decisions and goals.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:8-10.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. Can you remember a time when you knew what to do, but did not have the discretion to know how to accomplish it?
2. What challenge do you face that requires you to learn a better way to resolve the challenge?
3. How do you plan to increase your knowledge of the Bible this year?

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:1-6 - 1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: **2** for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; **3** for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; **4** for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—**5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—**6** for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

II Peter 1:3, 4 - 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **4** Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

I Kings 4:29 - 29 God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

I Kings 3:9-14 - 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" **10** The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11** So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12** I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. **13** Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. **14** And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Proverbs 22:3 - 3 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

"To Be A Man " By Dax (Featuring Darius Rucker)

I can't hide myself
I don't expect you to understand
I just hope I can explain
What it's like to be a man
It's a lonely road
And they don't care 'bout what you know
It's not 'bout how you feel
But what you provide inside that home

Yeah, I know this life can really beat you down, uh
You wanna scream but you won't make a sound, uh
Got so much weight that you've been holdin'
But won't show any emotion, as a man, that goes unspoken
That we can't cry when life gets hard
Unconditional love for women, children and dogs
We know that we just have to play our parts
And don't nobody give a damn about our broken hearts, yeah
As a man, we gotta pave our way
Our only function is to work and slave
There's no respect for you if you ain't paid
You're disregarded as a human and you can't complain
And if you ever make it up and actually reach that place
And find a woman that you love and give her your last name
You'll feel the things that you provide is only why she stays
And when you try to explain, you'll say
I can't hide myself
I don't expect you to understand
I just hope I can explain
What it's like to be a man (what it's like to be a man)
It's a lonely road (it's a lonely road)
And they don't care 'bout what you know (care 'bout what you know)

It's not 'bout how you feel
But what you provide inside that home
Don't give up, keep fightin'
As a man, our son is our horizon
And our fathers' actions play a role and we end up like him
So they can't let us see them hurt
'Cause we'll embody what we do and start a generational curse
No wonder most men are so depressed
All the things that they can't express
They go to war, get thrown on the shelf
Then go back to war with they mental health
Then grab that bottle and ask for help
Try to pull themselves out of hell
Then fall back down and then realize
That they gon' have to do it themselves
It's the circle of life, as a man, you provide
They don't know what you're worth 'til the day that you die
And that's when they start cryin'
Then move on to a man to confide in
That's why we feel
We can't hide ourselves
We don't expect you to understand
We just hope we can explain
What it's like to be a man (what it's like to be a man)
It's a lonely road (it's a lonely road)
And you don't care 'bout what we know (care 'bout what we know)
It's not 'bout how we feel
But what we provide inside that home (inside that home)
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