

	<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>	
<p>Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: HOW DO WE BECOME WISE! A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb 08, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-8, Philippians 2:12, 13, Proverbs 4:3-9 Music: Yusuf / Cat Stevens - Father And Son – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_H5Xulb5WM Video: Life as a house - George Sam – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dly72gMVWxM Resources - GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING WISDOM – HOW DO WE BECOME WISE: Understand the Paradox! – Proverbs 2:1-8.

1. _____ → In Proverbs 2-4, we discover how wisdom develops and grows within us. Wisdom is something we should seek. We are to search for it like hidden treasure. And then, we discover wisdom is a gift from God. This theme runs throughout the Bible (Phil. 2:12, 13).
2. _____ → The paradox is wise. If up to us, we would labor under crushing anxiety and burn out. But if God only worked apart from us, we would lose initiative. The paradox gives us enough incentive and enough assurance to pursue the knowledge of God all our life long.

KNOWING WISDOM – HOW DO WE BECOME WISE: 10 Guidelines!

1. **Be Righteous!** – Proverbs 2:20-22 → Strong social aspect – love my neighbor.
2. **Don’t Rely on Pedigree!** – Proverbs 1:10-15 → The Bible never assumes that family pedigree in any insurance against evil.
3. **Get Experience!** – Proverbs 1:20, 21 → Wisdom is developed only in experience.
4. **Don’t Delay!** – Proverbs 1:28, 29 → Be ready to do what is necessary to get wisdom.
5. **Identify Your Idols!** – Proverbs 3:5 → Trust in the Lord and give up your false gods.
6. **Submit to His Word!** – Proverbs 3:5-6 → Proverbs calls us to trust God’s Word, not our reason and intuition.
7. **Be Teachable!** – Proverbs 3:7,8 → Be willing to take advice—to receive feedback. Wise men create a company of counselors.
8. **Be Generous!** – Proverbs 3:9,10 → We are to give deliberately and sacrificially.
9. **Learn from Adversity!** – Proverbs 3:11, 12 → Be ready for suffering, it’s inevitable.
10. **Do Justice!** – Proverbs 3:27, 28 → Share with your neighbor. To not do, is injustice.

KNOWING WISDOM – HOW DO WE BECOME WISE: Just Get It! – Proverbs 4:3-9.

1. _____ → Do whatever it takes to get WISDOM! Do absolutely anything to get it, whatever it costs you. Why? Because if is more costly to not have it.
2. _____ → You must practice the Guidelines through long experience within a community of people seeking the same wisdom. As you practice these Guidelines, they will lead to knowing God, knowing yourself, knowing the human heart and its ways, and knowing the times and seasons. Wisdom comes not to the most fortunate or intelligent but to those most determined to find it.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. Are you pursuing wisdom? Are you being patient with God to give you the wisdom you need?
2. What 3 things would you tell a young man to do to find wisdom?
3. What makes you give up?



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SCRIPTURE

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

Philippians 2:12, 13 - 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,**13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Proverbs 4:3-9 - 3 For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother.**4** Then he taught me, and he said to me, “Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live.**5** Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them.**6** Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.**7** The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.**8** Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you.**9** She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.”

"Father and Son" By Cat Stevens

[Father:]

It's not time to make a change
Just relax, take it easy
You're still young, that's your fault
There's so much you have to know
Find a girl, settle down
If you want you can marry
Look at me, I am old, but I'm happy

I was once like you are now, and I know that it's not easy
To be calm when you've found something going on
But take your time, think a lot
Why, think of everything you've got
For you will still be here tomorrow, but your dreams may not

[Son:]

How can I try to explain, cause when I do he turns away again
It's always been the same, same old story
From the moment I could talk I was ordered to listen
Now there's a way and I know that I have to go away
I know I have to go

[Father:]

It's not time to make a change
(Away, away, away)

Just sit down, take it slowly
You're still young, that's your fault
(I know)
There's so much you have to go through
(I have to make this decision)
Find a girl, settle down
(Alone)
If you want you can marry
Look at me, (No) I am old, but I'm happy

[Son:]

All the times that I cried
(Decision, decision, decision)
Keeping all the things I knew inside
It's hard (Why must)
But it's harder to ignore it
(You go and make this decision)
If they were right, I'd agree
(Alone?)
But it's them they know not me
Now there's a way and I know
That I have to go away
I know I have to go

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