

*"A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel." – Proverbs 1:5*

## Relational Wisdom – Practical Truths for Life

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 plumbline 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!

- You'll never earn trust until you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- He seems to be profoundly \_\_\_\_\_ of the effect he has on other people.
- We need to use our God given imagination to move toward what God intended for us, rather than preoccupation with what we try to create or control.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the enemy of imagination and part of the addictive cycle.
- Wives can handle the \_\_\_\_\_; wives cannot handle the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ where you can.
- Responsibility means knowing you are part of a bigger picture, but what you do is the \_\_\_\_\_ part.
- Men \_\_\_\_\_, and women respond. You can't argue with growth.
- Only a \_\_\_\_\_ is going to show you how to be a man.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is faster than you deserve and a longer process than intended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ means: "Everything I just said is BS - so now here's the truth."
- Blessed simply means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your desire is for intimacy, but you are confusing it with intensity.
- You can't deny something you know - you're trying to deny the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sick will go with sick, and healthy will go with healthy, but healthy and sick won't \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't need you, but I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- I am going to take care of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Unexpressed \_\_\_\_\_ lead to pre-meditated resentment.
- You can't give what you don't have - so what was not given to you? You give what was given to you.
- You can look at a fence as \_\_\_\_\_ your garden, or you can look at it as keeping you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Holding on to anger is like grabbing a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is DOING differently consistently and that's recovery.

## ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. Is Bible knowledge the same as wisdom?
2. If God is Love, is relational wisdom important?
3. How do you gain more relational wisdom?