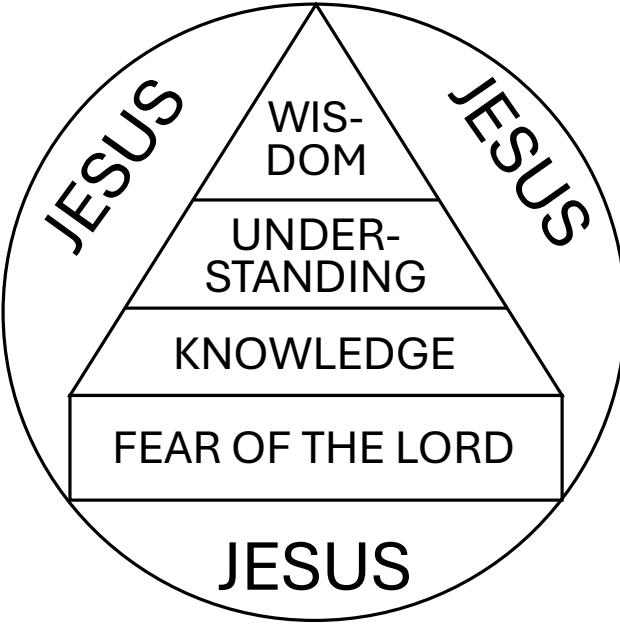


	<h1>LESSONS FOR LIVING FROM THE PROVERBS</h1>	
	<h2>Session Two</h2>	

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<h3>Recap Session One</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book of Proverbs is a book of wisdom, imparted to mankind by God through the pen of Solomon. • Solomon, the wisest man who has ever lived, has much to tell us in this power-packed book. • WISDOM and FEAR OF THE LORD are the foundational themes of Proverbs. • Jesus Christ is the essence of God's wisdom; Jesus delights in the fear of the Lord. • In this study we will be looking at highlights from Proverbs, using them as “springboards” into various topics. 	<p>Prov. 1:1-3 <i>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 24:3-4 <i>Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.</i></p> <p>Prov. 9:10 <i>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.</i></p> <p>1 Corin. 1:30 <i>And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.</i></p>	
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<p>Some commentary on Fear of the Lord ...</p>	<p>This reverential awe and admiring, submissive fear is foundational for all spiritual knowledge and wisdom. While the unbeliever may make statements about life and truth, he does not have true or ultimate knowledge until he is in a redemptive relationship of reverential awe with God.</p> <p>The fear of the Lord is a state of mind in which one's own attitudes, will, feelings, deeds, and goals are exchanged for God's.</p> <p>Psalm 41:1 <i>As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.</i></p>
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	<h1>TRUSTING GOD</h1>	

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<p>Prov. 16:20 <i>He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he.</i></p> <p>Prov. 30:5 <i>Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.</i></p>	<p>Prov. 22:17-21 <i>Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge; For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, So that your trust may be in the Lord; I have instructed you today, even you. Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?</i></p>
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<p>Use the interpretation tool to analyze these three proverbs</p> <p>(Use handout)</p>	<p>Prov. 16:1-3</p> <p><i>¹ The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.</i></p> <p><i>² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits.</i></p> <p><i>³ Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.</i></p>
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<p>Tool to Interpret (Use handout)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the central concepts or persons being compared or contrasted? 2. Identify figures of speech and rephrase without the figure (ex. “put a knife to your throat” from Prov. 23:1-3) 3. Summarize the lesson or principle of the proverb in a few words. 4. Describe the behavior that is being taught or encouraged. 5. Can you identify examples elsewhere in Scripture that illustrates the truth of that proverb? 6. How can you apply this lesson or principle to your own life?
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<p>Prov. 14:12</p> <p><i>There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.</i></p> <p>(This verse is repeated in Prov. 16:25)</p>	<p>What (or who) do we tend to put our trust in apart from God?</p> <p>Psalm 20:7</p> <p><i>Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.</i></p> <p>Prov. 11:28</p> <p><i>He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.</i></p> <p>Prov. 28:26</p> <p><i>He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.</i></p>
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<p>Prov. 16:20 <i>A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.</i></p> <p>Prov. 30:5 <i>A man's steps are of the Lord; How then can a man understand his own way?</i></p>	<p>2 Corin. 5:7 <i>For we walk by faith, not by sight.</i></p>
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<h2>Trusting God summary</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruction in God's Word makes us wise with God's wisdom, not the world's or our own wisdom. We seek God's direction for all decisions and actions, big and small. Our steps of faith are often shaky and uncertain, but God is directing us. God shields and protects us all through our lives as we continue to trust Him. Fear of man is the opposite of fear of the Lord and will lead us in the wrong direction. Pride drives us away from trust in God. 	<p>Prov. 3:5-6</p> <p><i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.</i></p>
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	<p>Ephesians 1:13</p> <p><i>In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.</i></p>
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<p>Quotes from Winston Churchill:</p>	<p>Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.</p> <p>A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.</p>
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<p>Prov. 23:23</p> <p><i>Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.</i></p>	<p>John 14:6a</p> <p><i>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. ...”</i></p> <p>John 8:31-32</p> <p><i>Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”</i></p>
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	QUESTIONS?	
		Favorite Proverb?

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Class Assignment

- Set a goal to read through the Book of Proverbs at least once throughout this class semester.
- Bring your questions for proverbs you have trouble understanding, or a favorite proverb that you would like to share with the class.

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Possible Future Topics

Teaching sons and daughters	Choice of Companions	Trusting God	Righteousness vs. Wickedness
Integrity	Guard Your Mind	Discipline	Shine the Light of Christ
Sexual Purity	Deceitful Tongue	Diligent Worker	Leave a Legacy
Money Management	Love Your Neighbor	God's Protection	Virtuous Woman
Avoid the World's Distractions	Truth	Types of Fools	Seeking Counsel
God Hides Himself	Sin of Pride	Discernment	Anger / Temper
Honor Your Parents	Revenge	Conscience	Repentence

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