



# THE WAY OF THE WISE

## LESSON 18

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WISE: SEEKS KNOWLEDGE

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 18:15; John 3:1-15, 19:38-39; Proverbs 18:2, 23:9  
(Proverbs 9:9; Ecclesiastes 7:19)

#### KEY VERSE:

*Proverbs 18:15—The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out.*

#### KEY THEMES:

- † The wise person seeks knowledge and understanding.
- † Seeking knowledge is an active thing; it is something that takes work
- † Fools do not seek knowledge and understanding but rather remain in their ignorance

#### THIS WEEK:

Explain to your child that this week your family is going to concentrate on being “knowledge seekers”. Explain that this will be a very conscious effort by all members of the family. Some of the ways in which your family can seek knowledge are listed below. (You may need to give some practical illustrations so your child understands this list. Also, add any of your own ideas to the list in the blank spots—ask your child to help you think of these ideas to be sure that he understands what it means to “seek knowledge”.)

- † Spend time reading and studying God’s word each day
- † Instead of trying to prove your point in an argument, try to understand the other person’s point of view
- † When one family member is upset with another family member, try to understand why the person is upset, rather than just getting mad
- † Try to understand the reasoning behind a rule or a “no” answer, rather than just reacting
- † Listen carefully to instructions instead of assuming that you already know what to do

At the end of the week, talk about your experience in seeking knowledge. Make some decisions about how you will continue to seek knowledge.

Help your child with his proverbs reading and memorizing.

Encourage your child to continue putting the proverbs into practice and filling out his charts until they are completed.