

SUMMER 2025

PROVERBS

FINDING WISDOM IN CHRIST



CENTER CITY CHURCH

Proverbs 4:10-19

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Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

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Definition of wisdom

“The art of steering life skillfully into God’s created order with Him, by His grace, for His glory.”

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Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your **ways** acknowledge him, and he will make straight your **paths**.

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2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 Thessalonians 5: 3-5

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

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Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

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Proverbs 16:9

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

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Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Honorable mention

“Self is the new God, the new spiritual authority, the new morality. But this puts a crushing weight on the self—one it was never designed to bear. It must discover itself. Become itself. Stay true to itself. Justify itself. Make itself happy. Perform and defend its fragile identity.”

- John Mark Comer, Live No Lies

3. Decisions are free and fixed

Isaiah 53: 11-2

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

4 diagnostic questions

1. Have you put your trust in Jesus? Proverbs 3:3-5
2. Is what you are discerning a decision between what's right or wrong? Proverbs 4:11-17
3. Have you sought trusted counsel? Proverbs 15:22
4. Do you know that Jesus loves you and delights in you? (Isaiah 53:11-12) You are free to make any decision you want.