

SUMMER 2025

PROVERBS

FINDING WISDOM IN CHRIST



CENTER CITY CHURCH

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Wisdom Defined

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

Movements

- 1 The **Power** of Words
- 2 The **Pleasure** in Words
- 3 The **Pain** of Words
- 4 The **Problem** of Words
- 5 Words are a **Pointer** to the Point

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Genesis 2

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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Proverbs 12

18 There is one who speaks like the
piercings of a sword, But the
tongue of the wise promotes health.
(NKJV)

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4 The Problem of Words

Matthew 12

33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. **34** You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? **For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

4 The Problem of Words

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

5 A Pointer to the Point

Isaiah 6

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

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Isaiah 53

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

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John 6

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

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1 Peter 2

22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

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1 Peter 2

24 He himself bore our sins in his body **on the tree**, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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Romans 10

9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

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