

## **“Living Wisely” (Part 2)**

A Series on the Wisdom Literature of Scripture: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Job

**What does it look like to live the good life?**

**Thought experiment: Imagining each Book as a Person.**

**Proverbs: (The brilliant young teacher)**

**Ecclesiastes: (The sharp middle-aged critic)**

**Job: (The weathered older person who’s seen a lot in their day)**

### **CHAPTERS 1-9**

**1. There is an invisible creative force in the universe that guides people and how they should live.**

**Proverbs 1:32-33 (NIV)**

*“For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”*

**2. Anyone can access and interact with Wisdom and use it to make a beautiful life for themselves and others around them.**

**3. Wisdom is not some impersonal force, it’s an attribute of God Himself.**

### **CHAPTERS 10-31**

A collection of hundreds of sayings and proverbs themselves.

**Proverbs 3:1-8 (NIV)**

*“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, **for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.***

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.***

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, **and he will make your paths straight.***

*Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. **This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.**”*