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IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

WEEK NINE

WISE

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Lookup the definition of wisdom in the dictionary and also read Proverbs 8:5-21. How would you define wisdom?
3. How does wisdom differ from knowledge?
4. According to Proverbs 1:7 and 2:6 where does wisdom come from?
5. What does the Bible call someone who hates wisdom and what is their inevitable consequence? See Proverbs 1:7 & 32; 10:21 and 19:3 and 26:3.
6. The Bible not only warns about being a fool, but also warns about being the companion or friend of a fool. What do Proverbs 13:20, 14:27 and 17:12 & 21 say will happen to those who keep company with foolish people?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold.

~Proverbs 3:13-14

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. We are not born wise. In fact, what does Proverbs 22:15 say is in our hearts as children?
3. Gaining wisdom is not inevitable. There are many people who, although they gain years of life, gain absolutely no wisdom whatsoever and remain fools. How should we pursue gaining wisdom according to Proverbs 2:1-7? What does Proverbs 19:8 say about you if you pursue wisdom?
4. Wisdom goes beyond mere knowledge. Wisdom is knowing how to properly apply knowledge in any given situation. It acts as a safeguard to us and also paves the way to blessing. What does Proverbs 2:9-22 say wisdom will do for you?
5. What are some of the other benefits of wisdom listed in Proverbs 3:1-4, 13-26; 4:5-13 and 24:13-14?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Heeding wisdom carries blessing, but forsaking wisdom has grave consequences. Read Proverbs 8:32-36; 10:17 & 24, 27-30 and 11:5-8. What are the warnings these verses give for the foolish and/or the wicked?
3. The opposite of wisdom is foolishness. What effect does a child left in his or her folly have according to Proverbs 10:1; 17:21 & 25 and 19:13?
4. If you have children are you paying attention to the folly that is bound in their hearts? How are you actively training that out?
5. Though we leave childhood behind, we still carry foolishness with us at times. A kind rebuke or a gentle correction can help us see our own folly. If we want to be wise, what does Proverbs tell us about receiving instruction? See Proverbs 10:17; 13:1; 15:5 & 10; 17:10; 27:5 and 29:1. Do you have the humility to listen to correction?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Wisdom will not only impact our behavior; it must also serve as a restraint for the words we speak. What does Proverbs 18:21 say about our words?
3. Understanding the incredible effect of our words, that they carry the power of life and death, should motivate us to speak with wisdom. What do Proverbs 10:14 and 18:6-7 say about a fool's mouth?
4. What instructions do Proverbs 10:19 and 17:28 give about the quantity of our words?
5. The verse above says it is impossible not to sin if we use many words. If you desire to be wise with your words a good place to start is simply speaking less. Think about the words you speak in a given day. Are they necessary? Are they wise? Or are they the words of a babbling fool, bringing ruin to all who hear them?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Proverbs 10:11, 13-14, 18-21 & 31-32; 14:3 and 15:7. These verses compare and contrast the lips of the wise with the lips of the foolish. List the differences. How do the wise speak? How do the foolish speak?
3. What other insights do Proverbs 18:2 and 29:20 give us about the fool? When you are in a conversation are you more preoccupied with speaking your own mind or with understanding those around you?
4. What does wisdom add to our speech? See Proverbs 15:2 and 16:21 & 23-24.
5. One of the most difficult times to speak with wisdom is when we are angry. What instructions do Proverbs 20:3; 29:8 & 11; and Ephesians 4:26 give to guide us when we are angry?
6. If you feel you do not possess enough wisdom to guide you in your words and actions, you are right. Wisdom is not a destination to arrive at, but rather, a road to travel along until the day we die. If you feel you lack wisdom, what does James 1:5 say you should do?
7. Write out this week's memory verse below: