

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

FOR LIVES OF FAITH



A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand reflects the light. The text "What is the good life?" is overlaid in white, bold font across the center of the image.

What is the good life?

A coastal scene at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is partially covered with large, dark rocks. A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney stands on stilts on the left side of the frame. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking on the shore. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright orange glow from the setting sun is visible on the horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Understanding Wisdom Literature

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky cliff. The foreground is a sandy beach with shallow water reflecting the sunset. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the ocean and beach. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Understanding Proverbs

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**“The proverbs of Solomon the son of David,
king of Israel...”**

- Proverbs 1:1

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**“To learn wisdom and moral instruction,
to discern wise counsel.**

**To receive moral instruction in skillful living,
with righteousness, justice, and equity.**

**To impart shrewdness to the morally naive,
a discerning plan to the young person.”**

- Proverbs 1:2-4

Understanding Proverbs

**“Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the markets she raises her voice...
‘How long, O simple ones,
will you love being simple?’”**

- Proverbs 1:20-23

Understanding Proverbs

**“Wisdom has built her house...
‘Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.’”**

- Proverbs 9:1-6

Understanding Proverbs

**“The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places
of the town,
calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way...”**

Understanding Proverbs

**“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,
‘Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.’
But he does not know that the dead are there,”**

- Proverbs 9:13-18

A white house on stilts overlooking a beach at sunset. The house is on the left, and the beach and ocean are on the right. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the sun is setting over the ocean, creating a warm glow.

How to Read Proverbs:

1. Patterns, not promises

**“A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.”**

- Proverbs 15:1

A white house on stilts is situated on a rocky beach. The scene is captured at sunset, with the sky transitioning from a dark, cloudy top to a bright orange and yellow glow near the horizon. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand of the beach reflects the light. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

How to Read Proverbs:

1. Patterns, not promises

**“Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
- Proverbs 22:6**



How to Read Proverbs:

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2. **Poetry, not precise formulas**

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**“A wise son makes a glad father,
but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.”**

- Proverbs 10:1

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”

- Proverbs 18:21

How to Read Proverbs:

1. **Patterns, not promises**
2. **Poetry, not precise formulas**
3. **Discernment, not just checklists or memorization.**

The Foundation of Wisdom

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“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

- Proverbs 9:10

A photograph of a white, two-story house with a dark roof, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is on the left side of the frame. The beach is in the foreground, and the ocean is in the background. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, golden glow over the water and the beach. The text "Wisdom as Skillful Living" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Wisdom as Skillful Living

A white house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand reflects the light. The text "Wisdom for Everyday Life" is overlaid in white, bold font across the center of the image.

Wisdom for Everyday Life

A white house on stilts sits on a rocky beach at sunset. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the ocean and the wet sand. The house has a dark roof and several windows. The rocks are dark and jagged, and the water is calm with some small waves.

Wisdom Shapes:

1. The Way We Work

A white house on stilts is situated on a rocky beach. The scene is captured at sunset, with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky above. The house has a dark roof and several windows. The foreground shows the wet sand of the beach reflecting the light from the sky.

Wisdom Shapes:

1. The Way We Work
2. The Way We Speak



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3. The Relationships We Choose



Wisdom Shapes:

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2. The Way We Speak
3. The Relationships We Choose
4. Our Character

A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand reflects the light. The text "Wisdom Fulfilled" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white font.

Wisdom Fulfilled

A coastal scene at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is visible. In the middle ground, a white house with a dark roof sits on stilts on a rocky outcrop. The ocean is in the background, with waves breaking. The sky is a mix of dark blue and orange from the setting sun.

Wisdom Fulfilled:

**“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord
is to be praised.”**

- Proverbs 31:30

A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a golden glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand reflects the light. The text "Wisdom Fulfilled in Christ" is overlaid in white, bold font across the center of the image.

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