

## NOTES: Foolproof | The Wisdom of God

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### You need the Wisdom of God to be foolproof

*"God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you." (1 Kings 3:11-12, NASB95)*

- Psalms is the hymnbook; Proverbs is the Teacher's Manual.
- The moral maxims are to help the young acquire mental skills and promote wise living.
- Proverbs communicates truth by using comparisons or figures of speech (parallelisms). It is Hebrew poetry. There are 3000 proverbs; Solomon was a master of wisdom, and when it comes to Proverbs, he is our master mentor.
- The rewards of living in the Godly Wisdom of Proverbs are a life of fruitfulness, biblical prosperity, wisdom, and a life without regrets.
- Wisdom is the theme. The Hebrew word for wisdom is "hokmah" which means "skill with effectiveness, experience, and efficiency."
- Wisdom is the ability to have skill in the art of Godly living with a heart after God, which is a discerning heart, a pure heart, and a heart full of integrity.

*"The wisdom of God gives us the ability to live life skillfully"*

- Pastor Todd Winkler, Cornerstone, Ramsey, MI

- Living wisely requires the ability to reach sound decisions with discernment. To know right from wrong, important and unimportant, wise and foolish.
- Proverbs is as relevant today as it was in 700 BC. Times have changed, culture is different, but people are the same with the same needs, desires, fears, problems, temptations, and goals.

### Proverbs addresses:

- Wisdom, attributes of the wise and of the foolish.
- Godly living and Godly Behavior.
- How to live life unfooled.
- How to live life without being deceived.

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*"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." (James 3:17, NASB95)*

You need wisdom to make Godly decisions and have discernment of good and evil; so you don't live fooled and live like a fool.

*“Knowledge is horizontal. Wisdom is vertical—it comes down from above.”*

-Billy Graham

Wisdom is a choice (if you don't choose wisdom, God will laugh at your calamity)

*“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”* (James 1:5–8, NASB95)

### **Proverbs 1:1-6**

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- For attaining wisdom and instruction or discipline (v. 2).
- For acquiring a disciplined and prudent life (v.3).
- Living what is right, just and fair (v. 3).
- Giving prudence to the simple (v.4).
- Give knowledge and discernment to the young (v.4).
- Wise people can add even more wisdom (v. 5).
- Those who have discernment may obtain more (v. 5).

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* (Proverbs 1:7, NIV)

*“Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.”* (Proverbs 14:26, NIV)

*“As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;”* (Psalm 103:13, NIV)

*“The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless his people Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron, he will bless those who fear the LORD— small and great alike.”* (Psalm 115:12–13, NIV)

*“He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.”* (Psalm 145:19, NIV)

### **Questions for Your Personal Meditation**

- Do you pursue wisdom?
- Are we humble enough to embrace wisdom?
- What are you going through right now where you need the wisdom of God? Take time right now to ask God to give it to you.
- Read and pray James 3:17.
- Read a proverb today and read the same chapter the next day. One chapter read for two consecutive days.
- What is God saying to you about wisdom? What's His invitation?