

Teaching Outline

Series: Making Wise Choices

Week One

Prov 1:1-9 (NLT)

1 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. 2 Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. 3 Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. 4 These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young.

5 Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance 6 by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Key words to know

Wisdom:

- the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.
- the soundness of an action or decision with regard to the application of experience, knowledge, and good judgment.
- the body of knowledge and principles that develops within a specified society or period.

Discipline: ordered, structured, directed, obedience to rules and regulations

A person without _____ is like a _____ without a _____.

Simple: someone without much experience or knowledge

Foolish/Fools: someone without good judgment

- easily influenced to make wrong choices

Wise: someone that utilizes knowledge and experience in making wise choices

- open to learning from other people/sources

7 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Fear of the Lord: awe, reverence, respect

- willing to have God's guidance and input

The key to being a wise person is _____
_____ to God!!

⁸ My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction.⁹ What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

Actions speak louder than words!

Right living will require making _____ choices,
_____ choices and _____ choices!

For further reflection: Does my life show that I am living close to God and godly people?

Closing Song: Holy Spirit, by Francesca Basttistelli