

**(PAUSE FOR COMMUNION ELEMENTS)**

## **THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

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### **Purpose:**

To teach people how to attain wisdom and discipline and a prudent life, and how to do what is right and just and fair, in short, **to apply divine wisdom to daily life and to provide moral instruction. This is a book of wise sayings**, a textbook for teaching people how to live godly lives **through the repetition of wise thoughts.**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4, 8 NASB / NIV**

**Key Verse: Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline. PROVERBS 1:7**

**The True Wisdom Of Proverbs And The Entire Bible Come From God,  
Put Into His Son Jesus And Practiced And Written By Solomon!**

The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; <sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. **PROVERBS 8:22-23 NIV**

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, **namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

**COLOSSIANS 2:2-3 NIV**

### **Wisdom Is Apparent**

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; <sup>21</sup> on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: <sup>22</sup> **“How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? PROVERBS 1:20-22 NIV**

### **We Need Godly Wisdom!**

#### **Wise Or A Fool?**

**1. STEP ONE** Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. **PROVERBS 1:23 NIV**

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children ... **ACTS 2:38-39 NIV**

## **Result Of Not Seeking God's Wisdom!**

<sup>24</sup> But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, <sup>25</sup> since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke,

<sup>27</sup> **when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. PROVERBS 1:24, 25, 27**

<sup>28</sup> **Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me,**

<sup>29</sup> **since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord.**

### **PROVERBS 1: 28-29**

<sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

### **PROVERBS 1: 31- 32**

**2. BUT** ...but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

### **PROVERBS 1:33 NIV**

**3.** if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **II CHRONICLES 7:14 NIV**

**4. READ PROVERBS DAILY!** "Now then, my children, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. <sup>33</sup> Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it. <sup>34</sup> **Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.** <sup>35</sup> **For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord.** <sup>36</sup> **But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death."** **PROVERBS 8:32-36 NIV**

**5. STAY HUMBLE BEFORE GOD!** Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil

<sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. **PROVERBS 3:7-8 NIV**

**6. HONOR THE LORD!** Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

### **PROVERBS 3:9-10 NIV**

**7. TRUST GOD AND LIVE FULL!** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

### **PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV**

**8. LET LOVE!** <sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. **PROVERBS 3:3-4 NIV**

**DOXOLOGY** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **II CORINTHIANS 3:14 NIV**

## **COMMUNION**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **“Take and eat; this is my body.”**

**MATTHEW 26:26 NIV**

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, **“Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”** **MATTHEW 26:27-28 NIV**