



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[set up]

When you were a young person (maybe you are now?), what was the best piece of advice that you were given? What was the worst piece of advice?

This week Pastor Josh taught on wisdom for the young adult life stage. His “wise practices” were: Avoid Foolish Friends, Discipline your Day, Live in Generosity, Focus on Integrity, Establish your Boundaries, Flee from Temptation, and Count the Cost. Which one stuck out to you? Which one do you think you need to apply the most?

What would you add to Pastor Josh’s list?

[digging deeper]

In the book of Proverbs, there are four characters: the simple, the fool, the wise, and the scoffer.

- Wise: Lives according to the Law of God
- Fool: Lives a life opposed to the Law of God
- Simple: Not firmly committed to living out the Law of God
- Scoffer: Laughs at those living according to the Law of God

How does our culture view each of these characters? Is it the same as the Bible’s view?

Read Proverbs 8 and 9.

What are the biggest differences between “Lady Wisdom” and “The Woman Folly?”

Some commentators suggest that the personification of “Lady Wisdom” should be applied to God the Son. Think about Jesus’ earthly ministry. Do you see similarities between Jesus and Lady Wisdom?

Proverbs 1:7 says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Read Galatians 5:16-24. Talk a little about the relationship between wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

[praying it up]

Proverbs 3:5-8 says,

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.”

Spend time now sharing one situation that you need wisdom on, then as a group pray for those situations. I encourage everyone to pray at least one sentence prayer for another person. It could be, “God, help John to have wisdom about his medical decision concerning his shoulder.” Make sure everyone is prayed for.

Also, thank God for his great wisdom. He is a wise and great God. Also, ask him for practical ways for you to reflect God’s wisdom.

[living it out]

Pastor Josh gave a few calls to action. They included 1) Joining a LifeGroup, 2) scheduling your day, 3) budget your money and begin with giving, 4) write out personal boundaries, and 5) list names or circumstances where you face temptation. Which one of these should you do this week?

Right now, plan out your summer LifeGroup schedule.