

January 6, 2013  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Proverbs

“Wisdom with Wee Ones – Part Three”

- I. Worldly “Wisdom’s” Incorrect Assumptions
- II. Wisdom’s Insights
- III. **Wisdom’s Instructions**
  - A. Fear the LORD – Prov. 1:7, 29; 2:5; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:26f; 15:3, 16, 29, 33; 16:2, 6-7; 19:23; 21:2; 22:4; 23:17; 28:13-14; 29:25
  - B. Love / Seek Knowledge & Wisdom – 1:7-9, 20-33; 2:1-11; 3:1-8, 13-26; 4:1-13; 20-23; 5:1-2, 7; 6:20-23; 7:1-4; 8:1-36; 9:1-6, 9-11; 10:1, 17; 11:14; 12:15; 13:10, 13-16; 14:1, 15-16; 15:14, 20-22; 16:16, 20-23; 17:2, 21, 24-25; 18:15; 19:8, 20-21, 25, 27; 20:15; 21:16; 22:1, 15, 17-21; 23:12, 15-19, 22-25; 24:3-6, 13-14; 27:9, 11-12, 17; 29:3
  - C. Honor / Obey Parents (Authority) – Prov. 5:7; 7:24; 8:6, 32; 13:1; 19:20; 20:20; 23:19; 23:22
  - D. Control Yourself (Body, Mind, Emotions) – Prov. 5:20-23; 6:9f; 9:13-18; 10:26; 12:27; 13:4; 15:19; 18:9; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25f; 22:13; 25:28; 26:13ff; 28:7; 29:11
  - E. Watch Your Words – Prov. 4:24; 6:13; 10:11, 13, 18-21; 11:9, 11; 12:18, 25; 13:2-3, 14; 14:3, 25; 15:1-4, 23; 16:24, 27-28; 12:13-14, 19; 16:28; 17:20; 18:7, 20
  - F. Select Friends / Companions Carefully – Prov. 13:20; 14:6-7; 28:7; 16:28; 17:9; 18:22, 24; 19:4, 14; 20:19; 21:9; 22:24-27; 23:6-8; 24:21-22; 27:5-6, 17; 28:7; 31:10-31
  - G. Enjoy Your Spouse – Prov. 2:17 cf. 16:28 & 17:9; 5:15ff; 12:4; 18:22; 31:10-31; Song of Solomon
  - H. Work Hard – Prov. 6:6-11; 10:4; 22:29; 1 Cor. 15
  - I. Manage Your Money – Prov. 3:9f; 6:1-5; 11:15; 13:22; 14:20-21, 31; 17:5; 19:6-7, 14, 17; 21:13; 22:9, 16, 22, 26-27; 28:8, 27; 29:7, 13-14; 31:18-20
  - J. Love Your Neighbor – Prov. 3:27-29; 11:12; 25:8f

### Discussion Questions:

1. For each of the first 5 points under “Wisdom’s Instructions” write out one statement (or summary point) that you will pass on to your children this week:
  - a. Fear the LORD
  - b. Love / Seek knowledge & wisdom
  - c. Honor / Obey Parents (Authority)
  - d. Control Yourself (body, mind, & emotions)
  - e. Watch your Words
2. Why is it so important to select the right friends? What are you doing to help your children in this area? What might keep some parents from intervening in their child’s selection of friends? How would you help a parent overcome those things?
3. Marriage partners are to be enjoyed! Your spouse should be one of your best friends and the person you want to be with the most. What gets in the way of that? Do your kids see your marriage as something enjoyable and exhilarating? How could you make it better this week? [See sermon on “Wisdom for the Wed”]
4. What are you currently doing to help your children learn how to earn, save, and spend money as godly stewards? How are you modeling this for them? [See four part sermon series on “Wisdom with Wealth”; consider taking them through “Financial Peace University” materials by Dave Ramsey]
5. What does it mean to “love your neighbor?” What are some things that don’t show love for a neighbor? What are some ways you are modeling love for your neighbors in your neighborhood? At work? At church? Out on the streets?
6. If you have grown children and feel like you have failed to do the things we have studied and were not a godly example to them, what should you do about it? What are some practical ways you could seek forgiveness? How could you begin to be a more godly influence in their lives?
7. What is the role of grandparents in helping raise godly children? What are the practical things you are doing to bless your children’s children and point them to the LORD?
8. For each of the last 5 points under “Wisdom’s Instructions” write out one statement (or summary point) that you will pass on to your children this week:
  - a. Select Friends / Companions Carefully
  - b. Enjoy Your Spouse
  - c. Work Hard
  - d. Manage Your Money
  - e. Love Your Neighbor
9. Beyond these “top 10” areas of wisdom from Proverbs, what are some other specific areas of wisdom that you need to pass on to your children? What is your plan for doing this with them?