January 13, 2013 *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* Pastor Paul S. Brown Proverbs

"Wisdom with Wee Ones - Part Four"

- I. Worldly "Wisdom's" Incorrect Assumptions
- II. Wisdom's Insights

III. Wisdom's Instructions

- A. Fear the LORD
- B. Love / Seek Knowledge & Wisdom
- C. Honor / Obey Parents (Authority)
- D. Control Yourself (Body, Mind, Emotions)
- E. Watch Your Words
- F. Select Friends / Companions
- G. Enjoy Your Spouse
- 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. What changes have you made since last week in helping your children become better friends and find better friends? What are your children learning specifically from your friendships? Give examples of some positive things they can observe in you.
- 2. How often do you pray about your children's friends? If you children are not yet married, how often do you pray for their future spouse? What specifically do you pray?
- 3. What changes have you made since last week in your relationship with your spouse? How are you developing greater intimacy? How often are you "dating" your spouse?
- 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. 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?
- 9. Many people experienced negative things in their families when they were growing up. Some of those people continue the chain and practice the same negative things with their spouse & children. If any of those negative patterns were in your family tree what are you doing to break those chains and start a new godly pattern for your family? What do you want your legacy to be?