**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 12, 2022**

**Walking In Wisdom**

Proverbs 1:1-7

**Key Truth:** We receive wisdom by being teachable, submitting our hearts to Jesus, and surrendering every aspect of our lives to Him.

**History Of Proverbs**:

1. It was written mainly by King Solomon. **Proverbs 1:1,**

 **2 Chronicles 1:7-13**

2. It was written to make us wise; giving us knowledge and

 good judgement. **1 Corinthians 15:33**

3. It was probably written to Solomon’s son to help him

 lead with wisdom and integrity. **2 Chronicles 10:1-19**

**How To Read The Book Of Proverbs:**

1. Understand that Proverbs are not promises from
 God but principles to live by. **Proverbs 22:6**

2. Read them with an eye for what applies to you now.

3. Read them frequently to gain wisdom and knowledge.

**How We Gain Wisdom:**

1. Gaining wisdom starts with the fear of the Lord.

 **Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:1-6**

2. Gaining wisdom starts with following Jesus. **Proverbs 3:5-8,**

 **Matthew 12:42**

3. Gaining wisdom starts by making it a priority.

 A. Acknowledging Jesus as Lord.

 B. Seek wisdom in the Bible.

 C. Taking advantage of the gifts He has placed in your

 life.

 1. Parents - **Proverbs 1:8-9; Proverbs 4:1-4**

 2. Other people - **Proverbs 12:1-4, Proverbs 13:4,**

 **Proverbs 22:24**

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the ways you’re growing in wisdom and ask Him for help in the areas where you would like to see growth.

**Food For Thought**

This week we launched our new series called “Proverbs: Wisdom For Daily Life”. Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect of the insight of a person with godly wisdom. Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather when we seek it like searching for a hidden treasure (Proverbs 2:1-22).

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

What applies to me today?

Where have I seen this in others?

Where have I experienced this?

Options To Maximize Your Reading Of Proverbs:

* Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.
* Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you’ve done this over time.
* Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.
* Use an App- Below are two apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer.
* Gateway Bible Proverb Reading Plan - https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/proverbs- monthly/
* YouVersion Bible Proverb Reading Plan - https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to, as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in your life.