

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Summer Family Event & Neighborhood Block Party!
August 8th - 10th, starting at 6pm each night.**

OBJECTIVE: To bring parents and kids (preschool - elementary) together and have some focused fun and learning.

We want to change your kid's view of you and of Jesus for the better at the same time.

Childcare is available for Birth-Age 2.

Register at the CTV registration tent or online:
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Today's Verses:

Proverbs 9:8
2 Corinthians 5:20
Proverbs 8:10-11

Proverbs 8:12
Proverbs 8:14-15
Proverbs 9:9

Proverbs 9:7-8
Proverbs 24:1-2
Proverbs 27:12



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Welcome to Element! We are in the middle of our series in the “wisdom” book of Proverbs. Proverbs reminds us that if we are able to live as the book describes, we would be living a culture that is counter to many that exist on the earth today, including our own. Proverbs is a book that teaches us how to live in wisdom, understand wisdom, and bring wisdom into all we do in life. This wisdom is more than simple answer to trivia, it is pragmatic wisdom that has the potential to change how we live our lives.

Wisdom can be related goodness and knowledge, but those things in and of themselves are not wisdom. Wisdom is much larger and grander than what one mere concept can ascertain. In order to understand the scope of what wisdom is, let’s break it down:

- **Wisdom has insight** – This means that wisdom can discern how things really work or how/why they really happen.
- **Wisdom dwells with prudence** – This means wisdom can be farsighted and notice distinctions in how things work and function.
- **Wisdom decrees the right things** – This means that wisdom informs action. When we rightly understand, it will change how we act out the knowledge we have.

The main way wisdom differs from knowledge is how it functions in interpersonal relationships when rules are not fully established. Wise people have humility, they can adjust themselves to the truth, and they can accept feedback. There are four earmarks of foolish behavior in interpersonal relationships: Criticism (attacking others), Contempt (speaking poorly of someone), Stonewalling (shutting down from communicating with someone), and Defensiveness (finding a way to blame someone else for a problem).

The gospel is good news for every day, it allows us to live in wisdom and hope. Jesus came to rescue us from our foolish and evil ways and restore us to God. The gospel speaks into every situation with wisdom that changes our lives. Jesus’ life speaks a better word than trying to figure wisdom out on our own.

Introduction

If you are continuing to act foolish, please know that your foolishness does not separate you from God, but instead you are offered grace and invited to live in true wisdom with God.

Discussion

Who is the wisest person you know?

What makes them wise?

Explanation

Why is wisdom important?

How does wisdom differ from moral goodness or knowledge?

Application – Read Proverbs 8:10-11

When have you displayed foolish behavior?

What is the gospel? *(Think of the previous sermon series we did)*

How does the gospel provide wisdom in everyday life?

What is your understanding of wisdom?

Mission – Read Proverbs 9:9

How can you give wise instruction to those around you?

In what ways can we become more understanding when those around us act poorly?

How can we be righteous and we receive instruction from others?

Homework - Read Proverbs 11:12

How has your own Pride brought disgrace?

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy, Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation