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An Active Study in Wisdom

- Who wrote Proverbs? Mostly King Solomon, but also Agur, Lemuel, and a group called “the wise”

[1st Kings 4:29-34](#) And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, [30] so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. [31] For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. [32] He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. [33] He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. [34] And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

- Are you teachable? Are you a learner?

- No matter how much you know, we as believers are to be open to learn more as the Lord teaches us through others. This is the purpose of community

[1st Cor 8:1-2](#) If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. [3] But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:2 For learning what wisdom and discipline are; for understanding insightful sayings;3 for receiving wise instruction in righteousness, justice, and integrity;4 for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and discretion to a young man —

1. For learning what wisdom and discipline are

- Learners are listeners, meditators, life changers, excited about tomorrow, leaders
- Learners are okay being taught by people older than them as well as younger
- Learners read books, listen to sermons, have conversations, in pursuit of personal growth

[Psalm 119:71](#) It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Application for this year:

Put yourself under solid leadership. Read, listen, and choose to be courageous in the changes that must take place in your life. Don't be afraid to be still and process what God teaches you. Choose to be okay with being a lesser than.



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2. For understanding deep, spiritually impacting scriptures

- Learners are people who take scripture seriously. They study and read scripture to hear God.
- What do you do when you get an email from someone you care about?
- Learners meditate on scripture. They want to talk about it.
- Learners, are desperate to understand scripture so it can change them.
- Learners are okay with scripture being offensive because they know they are flawed and need help

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Application for this year:

Decide on a reading plan and stick to it. Choose to be around people that want to talk about the awesome truth of scripture, and desire change in their life. Become a daily confessor of sin, and lead a life of repentance. Your way stinks. Try God's way this year.

3. For receiving instruction in righteousness, justice, integrity

- This is owning what you have learned, it becomes part of you, you breathe it in and out.
- There is a huge difference in knowing something in your head, and having it affect you.
- Are you infected right now with a desire to please Jesus?
- Are you convicted when you sin alone?
- Do you desire for Jesus to be pleased with you?

Application this year:

Choose to be discipled by your peers (community group), and by someone who knows Jesus who can disciple you one on one. Then disciple someone yourself.

4. For giving (teaching) prudence to simple people, and life changing knowledge and discretion to young men and women

- now you are ready to teach! Now you are ready to instruct!



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Application for this year:

Serve. Serve. Serve. Serve!!!!

**5 a wise man will listen and increase his learning, and a discerning man will obtain guidance —
6 for understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the wise, and their riddles.**

- People who are wise listen and increase their wisdom
- When we listen we increase learning, discernment and understanding

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline

- Real knowledge begins with fearing God
- Real fools are defined by their refusal of sound wisdom and discipline from others
- Do you know the good news that Jesus Christ loves you?