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*An Active Study in Wisdom*

## Part 2

Review from last week:

- Wisdom is for:

1. Learning
2. Understanding
3. Receiving
4. Giving

- It all begins with the fear of the Lord

**Proverbs 8:13** The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

**Proverbs 15:33** The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline

- So you are either a wise person (Learner) or a fool (I know)

## Violence- An action involving force to manipulate, control, or even kill someone or some thing.

- Is all violence sinful?

- Pictures of virus attacking cells

- video of white blood cells attacking bacteria

**Proverbs 1:8-19** Listen, my son, to your father's instruction, and don't reject your mother's teaching, **9** for they will be a garland of grace on your head and a [gold] chain around your neck.

- The passage opens up with a call to be attentive, to listen

- Parents were integral in the teaching of their children in ancient times

- As children listened and payed attention to the instruction of their parents, their ability to listen and obey, made them attractive and beautiful.

**10** My son, if sinners entice you, don't be persuaded. **11** If they say-"Come with us! Let's set an ambush and kill someone. Let's attack some innocent person just for fun! **12** Let's swallow them alive, like Sheol, still healthy as they go down to the Pit. **13** We'll find all kinds of valuable property and fill our houses with plunder. **14** Throw in your lot with us, and we'll all share our money"-

- What do sinners entice you with?

- Is sin fun? Yes!! It still kills you (in top of space needle in Seattle. Fun to jump, not so fun to land)

- Avoid violent people! They are trouble!!

**Psalms 17:4-5** With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.[5] My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.



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**15** my son, don't travel that road with them or set foot on their path, **16** because their feet run toward trouble and they hurry to commit murder. **17** It is foolish to spread a net where any bird can see it, **18** but they set an ambush to kill themselves; they attack their own lives. **19** Such are the paths of all who make profit dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who receive it.

**So how do we come against violence? Violence in our community, our homes, our families, etc.?  
With violence. The spiritual kind.**

**2 Corinthians 10:5-8** For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. [5] We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

## **Sinful Violence**

## **Righteous Violence**

<b><u>Is persuasive</u></b>	<b><u>Is persuasive</u></b>
<b><u>Hurts people</u></b>	<b><u>Protects people</u></b>
<b><u>Steals</u></b>	<b><u>Safeguards</u></b>
<b><u>Lies</u></b>	<b><u>Champions truth</u></b>
<b><u>Brings trouble constantly</u></b>	<b><u>Brings peace</u></b>
<b><u>Is against God</u></b>	<b><u>Is for God</u></b>
<b><u>Kills life</u></b>	<b><u>Is life giving</u></b>

- Are you going to be the victim, or the victor?

1. Choose to come under the authority of Jesus Christ
2. Decide to come into community this week to serve, not to be served
3. Prepare yourself to be a learner, not a fool.
4. Watch the Lord radically change your life.