

- 3.A. Wisdom is a word used over and over throughout the Book of Proverbs. A thorough understanding of the word “wisdom” is crucial. Read James 3:13-18 to learn more about wisdom. How do you show you are wise?
- 3.B. Two kinds of wisdom are contrasted in these verses. What are they? List the characteristics of each kind.
- 3.C. Can you share a time when you followed “earthly” wisdom and suffered the consequences?
- 4.A. In verse 7, Solomon says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” What do you understand this to mean? (Note: This phrase is the theme of the Book of Proverbs and is repeated in 9:10)
- 4.B. Why is the attitude reflected in verse 7 necessary before a woman can become wise?
- 5.A. Reread Proverbs 1:10-19. (Envision yourself as a child listening to Godly parents.) When you are tempted to disobey God’s instructions, how do you usually respond? What advice does Solomon offer you in verse 10? What power do you have to resist sinful enticements? See John 14:15-17.
- 5.B. In verses 10-19 who are the criminals really laying a trap for?

- 5.C. **CHALLENGE QUESTION:** What do you think is the meaning of verse 17?
- 6.A. Wisdom is personified as a woman inviting all to come to her and learn in Proverbs 1:20. What promises does she make to those who heed her call according to verses 23 and 33?
- 6.B. Will God's patience with man ever end? What is the future of those who hate knowledge and scoff at wisdom in verses 28-32?
- 7.A. Several phrases describe a man's attitude as he seeks wisdom. What are they according to Proverbs 2:1-4?
- 7.B. What result does God promise if you actively seek wisdom in the spirit of verses 1-4?
- 7.C. Who is the source of all wisdom? Read verses 6-8 aloud. How do you feel when you read this passage?