

The Best Life Possible: Doing the Will of God for Life

WOLBI: Proverbs Class-2

WOLBI Proverbs Class Themes

- Hour-1: God Has Given the **Guide to Wisdom** in Proverbs
- Hour-2: **The Best Life Possible is: Doing the Will of God for Life**
- Hour-3: Don't **Waste Your Life** Like SOLOMON
- Hour-4: The **Ultimate Sin** is Pride
- Hour-5: The **Second Greatest Day** of Your Life
- Hour-6: The **Un-intoxicated** Life
- Hour-7: Raising Kids Who **See Your Character** & Look for the **One God Says** is Best
- Hour-8: Cultivating a **Godly Work Ethic**
- Hour-9: Fools, Focus & **Avoiding Being Lost in Electronica**
- Hour-10: The **Power** of Spoken Words



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**God Has Given the
Guide to Wisdom in
Proverbs 1:7**

Wise Living is How God Describes His Will for Us in Proverbs

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This is an application of the theme of the book stated in Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord. The overarching theme of this book and particularly the first 9 chapters is introduced—reverence for God (see v. 29; 2:5; 3:7; 8:13; 9:10; 14:26, 27; cf. also Job 28:28; Ps. 34:11; Acts 9:31).

This reverential awe and admiring, submissive fear is foundational for all spiritual knowledge and wisdom (cf. 2:4–6; 9:10; 15:33; Job 28:28; Ps. 111:10; Eccl. 12:13).

While the unbeliever may make statements about life and truth, he does not have true or ultimate knowledge until he is in a redemptive relationship of reverential awe with God.

Note the progression here: 1) teaching about God; 2) learning about God; 3) fearing God; 4) knowing God; and 5) imitating God's wisdom. The fear of the Lord is a state of mind in which one's own attitudes, will, feelings, deeds, and goals are exchanged for God's (cf. Ps. 42:1). The phrase "fear of the Lord" appears nineteen times in Proverbs (1:7, 29; 2:5; 3:7; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:2, 26-27; 15:16, 33; 16:6, 19:23; 22:4; 23:17; 24:21; 28:14; 31:30).

1. God's Will Revealed for My Character

A. God Wants to Make Me Wise, **Not Foolish**

B. God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn.

C. God Wants to make Me Righteous, **Not Wicked.**

D. God Wants to make Me Humble, **Not Proud.**

E. God Wants to make Me Self-controlled, **Not Rash.**

F. God Wants to make Me Forgiving, **Not Vindictive.**

God's Will Revealed for My Character

B. God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn:

- God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn **because God says that wise people receive and love instruction** (18:15;19:20);
- God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn **because God says that wise people are always seeking to grow in wisdom** (1:5;9:9;10:14).

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B. God Wants to make Me Righteous, Not Wicked.

- God says wise people **fear the Lord** (1:7; 14:16);
- God says wise people **hate what is false** (13:5);
- God says wise people **shun evil** (3:7;14:16;16:6);
- God says wise people **do what is righteous** (2:20);
- God says wise people **speak the truth** (22:21).

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This is the doctrine of KNOWING GOD: 1:7; 3:34; 6:23; 10:22; 12:28; 15:11; 22:19. We are to reflect **God's Character in our lives:**

God is **Wise**—3:19; 15:11;

God is **Merciful**—28:13;

God is **Omniscient**— 5:21;

God is **Provident**—3:6; 16:3, 9, 33; 19:21; 20:24; 21:30–31;

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

All Scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God Speaks in the Books of Moses

God Himself gave us every word of the Pentateuch through His servant Moses and others.

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It is not like Moses had a bunch of scientifically questionable records, historically inaccurate reports of early societies, and some fictional legends thrown in with some other boring stuff.

Every chapter and verse of the Pentateuch is truth from God, flawlessly capturing as the beginning of the Universe we see around us, and chronicling the arrival of Adam the first human, after the planet Earth was formed by God followed by the Sun, Moon, and stars.

God also perfectly accurately tells us where every person on Earth descended from.

God relates the details of the Global cataclysmic Flood, and then traces the rise of God's Chosen People of Promise the Jews.

If you want to understand Astronomy, Geology, the laws of Physics, Anthropology, Archaeology, and Ethnology: understand the Pentateuch that God wrote.

God Speaks in the Books of History & Prophecy

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Its not like the Historic Book are crude records of a barbaric horde of escaped slaves, filled with pillaging, conquest, and murder of innocent inhabitants of Canaan.

Every chapter and verse of the Historical & Prophetic Books is truth from God, flawlessly capturing the arrival of the Jews from Egypt to the borders of the Promised Land.

The condition of the Canaanites and other inhabitants are the absolutely most reliable record of what the Middle East looked like on the ground 3,500 years ago.

Plus what will characterize society from then, through now, to the end of human history.

God sketches in great details the nations and events that will shape history as it inexorably marches towards Armageddon, mankind's second to the last global rebellion against God Himself.

From now to the end God has made an unbreakable promise with the Jews, that they are His chosen people and all of history revolves around His plan for them.

Every event happened just as it was written down, and all the people named are the perfect record of individuals and how they are seen by their response to obey or resist God Himself.

Thus, every promise, prediction, and prophecy will unfold just as God said it would.

If you want to understand the culture we live in, the flow of History, the foundations of Psychology, and every part of past and future events in Prophecy: understand the Historical & Prophetic Books that God wrote.

God Speaks in the Books of Wisdom

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Its not like the Wisdom Books are a first try, somewhat lacking in the authentic doctrinal ring of Paul, the Gospels or any other portion of God's Word.

God is as perfectly revealed, flawlessly speaking, and doctrinally to be heeded in the poetry and wisdom of those books from Job through the Song of Solomon, as He is in Romans or the Gospel by John.

The same Author wrote Genesis through Revelation.

The same Spirit breathed it out.

The same God is revealed from verse to verse.

The same Almighty, Wise God is speaking in every verse, chapter, and book.

He speaks clearly. He speaks consistently.

He agrees with Himself from cover-to-cover.

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If you want to understand the cosmic battles raging this moment, as well as the purposes of suffering and disasters read the Book of Job.

If you want to see the answers to an unending life of joy and peace, and understand the place of depression, grief, rejection, and hopelessness read the Book of Psalms.

If you want to see the best life possible on Earth, how to make wise choices that invite God's blessing, read the Book of Proverbs.

If you want to understand the emptiness of pride, selfishness, materialism, sensuality, and addictions read the Book of Ecclesiastes.

If you want to see love as God displays it to us, and we are to find in marriage, read the Book of Song of Solomon.

All of this and so much more is found in the Wisdom Books that God wrote.

Inspiration: Why Believe Bible Is True?

Inspiration, Why Believe Bible Is True

1. Number One: **Jesus Christ Believed the Bible**
2. Number Two: **The Absolute Testimony of the Apostles & Prophets**
3. Number Three: **The Survival Of God's Word**

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4. Number Four: **Absolute Unity**
5. Number Five: **Prophetic Accuracy**

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6. Number Six: **Scientific Accuracy**
7. Number Seven: **Historic Accuracy**

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A Brief History of Time & the Bible

3K	AD 3000	Millennium
2K	AD 2000	Today
1K	AD 1000	Vikings
N	0	Christ
1K	1000 BC	David
2K	2000 BC	Abraham
3K	3000 BC	Noah
4K	4000 BC	Adam

A SIMPLE BIBLE EVENT TIMELINE

Adam	Noah	Abraham	Moses	David	Isaiah	Ezra	Jesus
0	2500 BC	2000 BC	1500 BC	1000 BC	750 BC	500 BC	0 BC 1 AD

**The Old Testament is
Made up of 39 Books
Mostly arranged by Ezra**

2. Wisdom Books (5)

Job: Theology of Godly Suffering	Psalms: Theology of Godly Worship	Proverbs: Theology of Practical Living	Ecclesiastes: Theology of Godly Life	Song of Solomon: Theology of Love
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I. History Books (17)

5 Major: Genesis Exodus Leviticus Number Deuteronomy	9 Pre-Exile: Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles	3 Post-Exile Ezra Nehemiah Esther
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3. Prophecy Books (17)

5 Major Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentati on Ezekiel Daniel	9 Pre-Exile Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habbakuk Zephaniah	3 Post-Exile Haggai Zechariah Malachi
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Wise Living is How God Describes His Will for Us in Proverbs

God is the source of true wisdom.
James 3:15-17

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God is reflected in a person's life to the extent that they exhibit the wisdom that He produces.

God gives us a sure fire way to see if we are wise, and those around us are wise by measurable and illustrated means.

The Book of Proverbs is God's Word about wisdom lived out in every day life.

A wise person grows in wisdom, they learn, they are correctable.

On the other hand a foolish person decreases in wisdom, flees from correction, and reflects their foolishness in the character, they relationships, and in their words.

God explains to those who are wise, that you can understand what a person really is like by taking enough time to analyze them from three perspectives.

God says watch and measure people in three ways: watch for reflections of their internal, spiritual character, observe their relationships, and listen to their words.

Those three will reveal what that person is really like.

God says that His wisdom shows up in a person's desire to know and follow the character qualities that God has declared.

God says that His wisdom shows up in a person's desire to know and follow the relational guidelines that He has laid down.

God says that His wisdom shows up as either present or absent in the words that always flow from our heart's abundance.

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