

The Call of Wisdom:

Trusting & Walking with God
in Everyday Life



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INTRODUCTION

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.”*

~Proverbs 3:5-8 (ESV)

Proverbs: An Introduction

How does one navigate life well? What does it take to live successfully in the real world? The Bible tells us this requires wisdom. But what is wisdom?

Wisdom is not merely knowing God’s rules but loving and treasuring God Himself. Wisdom requires developing a heart that humbly trusts and fears God, that patiently learns to live before Him in the subtle nuances of real life. A wise person does not naively do one’s own thing but carefully walks in line with the way God has made the world. To those who follow this path, God promises true life.

Come join us as we follow God’s “call of wisdom” from the Book of Proverbs.

How to Use the Study and Prayer Guide

The date at the top of each page notes the Sunday for the respective week. The Scripture verse listed under each heading is a suggested memory verse. Below that you will find a passage of Scripture, followed by “*Reflection Questions.*” In general, these readings will allow you to reflect on the previous sermon or prepare you to hear the sermon for that upcoming week. We estimate that each day’s “lesson” should require no more than 15 minutes.

To be clear, this guide and these times are not intended to be a legalistic requirement. Not at all! Rather, it is a way for us as a congregation to walk together as we explore God’s Word and petition our Father in heaven. And to what end? Our hope is that as we grow in our understanding and practice of daily prayer and meditation, we will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and so grow in our love for Him and one another.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the pastoral and administrative staff and interns of our Hanover, New London, and Quechee churches who have collaborated to craft this study guide for the benefit of our congregations...and beyond.

In the name of the One who is full of grace and truth,

Don Willeman
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Hanover, NH

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH

Memory Verse:

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."
~ Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)*

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7

Reflection Questions:

- What is the stated purpose/aim of the book of Proverbs?
- Why is this a relevant aim for your own life and the life of the church?
- What does the phrase "fear of the Lord" mean?

Prayer:

- Spend some time thanking God for pouring out His wisdom in ways that we can understand and live out.
- Pray for God to make His wisdom clear to you throughout this sermon series.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:8-19

Reflection Questions:

- What is the goal of the sinners mentioned in these verses? How is that different from the goal of the book of Proverbs and why is the difference important?

- Where have you seen an example of the scenario laid out in verses 8-19?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would give you the ability to resist the enticement of sin.
- Pray for those who are currently in sin, that God would spare them from their own foolishness and give them wisdom in Christ.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Reflection Questions:

- How is the voice of wisdom contrasted from the voice of sinners?

- What is the warning in this passage?

- What is the encouragement/promise in this passage?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would hear the voice of wisdom clearly.
- Pray for a fear of the Lord that would lead us to obedience.

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15TH

Memory Verse:

“My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.”

~ Proverbs 2:1-5 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-5

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Father, please help me to retain the things that You taught me this week.
- Would you also teach me how to practically implement the things I've learned into my life?

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-8

Reflection Questions:

- List all of the things that the Lord offers us in this passage.
- What is required of us that we might receive and develop in these things?

Prayer:

- Thank You, God, for so graciously offering us Your precious wisdom and the knowledge of Yourself!
- God, would You kindly fill me with a passion to rightly pursue that wisdom and knowledge?

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:9-15

Reflection Questions:

- What are the qualities and benefits of wisdom? List as many as you can:

- Many of the qualities and outcomes of *not* gaining God’s wisdom are expressed here as well. List as many as you can:

Prayer:

- Lord, please continue to show me those things that come as a result of Your wisdom.
- Father, would You also teach my heart to treasure all of these things in the same way that You do?

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:16-22

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God’s people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God’s Word, that those who hear would “see” and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22TH

Memory Verse:

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

*Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.*

*It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.”*

~ Proverbs 3:5-7 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-8

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?

- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Pray that you would treasure the wisdom of God and have a taste and delight for it.
- Pray that God would give you humility to seek His wisdom, which He desires to give to you.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:7-14

Reflection Questions:

- How are the laws, commandments, and the fear of God connected with His wisdom?

- Have those things brought life to you in the past? Why or why not?

Prayer:

- Pray that the Lord would make His law and words sweeter than honey and reviving to you, specifically today and this week.
- Pray through verse 14.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:17-23

Reflection Questions:

- How does Daniel describe God's wisdom?

- Meditate on the storyline of this passage. Daniel seeks God's mercy and wisdom, God gives him both, and he then blesses and worships God. Is this hard or easy to believe? Why?

Prayer:

- Pray for awe at the holiness and depth of God's wisdom and how different it is from human wisdom.
- Ask for God's wisdom in something in your life just like we see Daniel doing in this passage.

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-12

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH

Memory Verse:

*“Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.”
~ Isaiah 40:28 (ESV)*

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 15:33-16:4

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Pray for the Lord’s guidance and teaching as you seek to live differently in light of what He has taught you.
- Pray for a heart that yields its plans to the Lord and His wisdom.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Job 38:1-15

Reflection Questions:

- List the different aspects of creation God declares He has power over.
- Consider what aspects of God’s wisdom are displayed through Him as Creator. How different is it from earthly wisdom? How should we respond?

Prayer:

- Pray for a bigger view of God as a powerful and wise Creator.
- Thank God that He is mindful of us as humans and that He desires us to know Him and His wisdom personally.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 30:1-6

Reflection Questions:

- What things about God cause the writer of this passage to speak humbly and almost despairingly?
- How can we be comforted by understanding God's wisdom?

Prayer:

- Thank God that though He is so wise and above us, He also invites us to seek Him in relationship.
- Pray through things that you need to trust God with and ask that you would know His safety and trustworthiness.

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:19-20

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6TH

Memory Verse:

*"My son, be attentive to my wisdom;
incline your ear to my understanding,
that you may keep discretion,
and your lips may guard knowledge."*

~ Proverbs 5:1-2 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:1-6

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Father, please help me to retain the things that you've taught me this past week.
- Would you also teach me how to practically implement the things I've learned into my life?

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:1-14

Reflection Questions:

- How would you describe the essential differences between the way of the wise and the way of the fool?
- How might you describe the appeal of each way as well as the benefits or consequences of each way?

Prayer:

- Father, teach my heart and mind to see and embrace the wisdom of your ways.
- Oh God, develop my affections in such a way that folly wouldn't hold the same appeal and sway over me as it has in times past!

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:15-23

Reflection Questions:

- Throughout this chapter, the wisdom of God's design for sexual intimacy has been vividly expressed. Identify and list off the *negative* ways that it's being portrayed in these closing verses.

- Now identify and list off the *positive* ways that it's being portrayed here.

Prayer:

- Father, teach my heart and mind to see and embrace the wisdom of your design for sexual intimacy.
- Oh God, work in me in such a way that the folly of sexual intimacy that falls outside of your good design would no longer hold the same appeal and sway over me as it has in times past!

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:1-2, 7, 21-23

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

Memory Verse:

*"Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."
~ Proverbs 11:28 (ESV)*

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Father, please help me to retain the things that you've taught me this past week.
- Would you also teach me how to practically implement the things I've learned into my life?

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:7, 21:13

Reflection Questions:

- What is greed? What does it look like? How does it act? What is the consequence of not caring for "the poor"?
- What is the motivation to care for "the poor"? What are the benefits?

Prayer:

- Spend some time praying and meditating on Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward them for what they have done."

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:24-25

Reflection Questions:

- Who is someone in your life that you would consider a generous person? What traits or values do you notice as they serve others? How would you like to grow in being generous to others?
- We've all been given resources of time, money, and giftedness. In what area would you most like to grow in being more generous to others?

Prayer:

- Consider someone in your life today who would benefit from your generosity. Spend a moment praying for them.
- How can you demonstrate generosity to that person today or this week?

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Begin with some time meditating and reflecting on what you have heard and engaged this week in God's Word.
- The prerequisite for real generosity is really seeing the needs of others and then praying for them. List some people you can be praying for regularly. Thank God for them. Intercede for them (what is burdening them? What needs do they have – spiritually and physically? What is tripping them up?).
- Now, spend some time praying for our gathered worship time tomorrow. Pray for those leading the time: preaching, music, and prayer. Pray that the Spirit of God would open our hearts and our eyes.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20TH

Memory Verse:

*"He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth."
~ Proverbs 29:3 (ESV)*

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-8

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?

- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- I humble myself before You, my Heavenly Father. Show me my faults so that I might repent and be forgiven of all my sins.
- My Lord, forgive me for my pride and stubbornness. Teach me Your ways, guide my steps, and give me a teachable heart.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 24:15-22

Reflection Questions:

- Why should we submit to any human authority? Where do human authorities get their legitimacy?

- How is rejoicing in violence or Your enemy's bad fortune a way of resisting God's authority?

Prayer:

- My God, forgive me for my pride, for loving vengeance, for hatred in my own heart.
- Righteous Judge, bless us with authorities who delight in Your will, and give me a heart that delights to obey them.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:1-4

Reflection Questions:

- What are the consequences of refusing to listen to rebuke? Where might you be stubborn and in need of humility?

- How would your wise living make your father glad? How does a wise ruler make its subjects rejoice?

Prayer:

- God, give me wisdom and make me a blessing to my parents, my family, my church, and community.
- Our Lord, cast down the wicked, and give us wise and righteous rulers to bless our nation and to give peace.

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 27TH

Memory Verse:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.”

~ Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?

- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Father, please help me to retain the things that you’ve taught me this past week.
- Would you also teach me how to practically implement the things I’ve learned into my life?

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-4

Reflection Questions:

- Proverbs suggest that we are forgetful learners. What are some actions you can do to keep His commandments on your heart (v.1-2)?

- What verses do you have written on the tablet of your heart and why? If none, reflect on and consider doing so with verses 3 and 4.

Prayer:

- Pray that God would reveal to you the forgetful ways of your heart and that He would remind you of His steadfast love and faithfulness.
- In prayer, ask God to write on the tablet of your heart His commandments for the days and years of your life.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 23:12

Reflection Questions:

- What does it look like for you to “apply your heart” to instruction, and how can you apply that in your daily life?

- What was the last thing you learned about God, and how has that impacted your faith?

Prayer:

- Proverbs 23:12 seems to suggest that we should doggedly pursue wisdom, that it does not come without effort. Pray to God for His grace and encouragement to pursue knowing Him more in your heart and mind.
- Pray that God may reveal your heart’s intentions and that He may direct it toward His kingdom not your own.

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God’s people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God’s Word, that those who hear would “see” and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD

Memory Verse:

“There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.”

~ Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Heavenly Father, I know that you have true wisdom, and I humble myself before You. Bless me with wisdom!
- Lord, guide me and teach me your ways; do not leave me to my own understanding!

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 6:12-15

Reflection Questions:

- What are some reasons a person would justify the actions talked about in these verses?
- Have you ever seen any of these in yourself? What are the circumstances that led you to act that way?

- What is the danger in this behavior going unchecked?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would reveal the ways we justify sin and give us the grace to repent.
- Pray that God would protect these things from being a part of our church culture.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 6:16-19

Reflection Questions:

- List the 7 things the Lord hates and consider the following:
 - a) What is a clear definition for each of those things?
 - b) How do each of the things listed go against God's character?
 - c) How do each of the things listed affect the people around us negatively?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would grow His church in unity.
- Pray that God would give us a better understanding of His character and a greater love for Him.

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 10:12

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10TH

Memory Verse:

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

~ Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 6:12-19

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?

- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Pray for unity, forgiveness, and godly love in the church. Pray against strife, sowing discord, and our tendency towards sin.
- Pray for wisdom in how to practically live and seek out peace this week.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Reflection Questions:

- Why does Paul warn against idleness? Why is it dangerous?

- How would you define ‘idleness’? What does it look like in your walk with Christ, pursuit of holiness, relationships, day to day decisions...?

Prayer:

- Pray through areas of your life that you are tempted to be idle in.
- Pray that you would be encouraged in Jesus to put to death idleness.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 12:11-14

Reflection Questions:

- What are some “worthless pursuits” (v. 11) that you are tempted to believe are worthy?

- Are there times you find yourself envying wicked people and their rewards? (Psalm 73 speaks into this struggle; you may find it encouraging.)

Prayer:

- Pray that God would reorient your heart towards Him and worthy, righteous things.
- Thank God for the ways you have seen good fruit borne in your life.

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 6:6-11

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God’s people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God’s Word, that those who hear would “see” and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH

Memory Verse:

*"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice."
~ Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)*

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- My God, thank you for the grace that has come to me in Jesus Christ!
- My Savior, show me where I have gone wrong, that I might repent and trust in you!

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Reflection Questions:

- What are some of the ways fools are described in this passage?
- Based on these definitions, in what ways have you been foolish in your own life?

Prayer:

- Confess the ways in which you have been guilty of foolishness.
- Pray for a heart that would be willing to listen to God's correction, so that He may "pour out [His] spirit to you" and "make [His] words known to you."

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:2

Reflection Questions:

- In what areas of life do you feel least willing to listen (to God or to other people)?

- Are you someone who takes pleasure “only in expressing [your] opinion?” Why or why not?

- In what ways does God’s grace encourage us to be people who take “pleasure in understanding?”

Prayer:

- Pray that God would reveal to you the areas in life where you are hard-hearted, choosing to value your own opinion over true understanding.
- Ask that God would soften your heart and make you someone who longs to know Him and His Word.

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God’s people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God’s Word, that those who hear would “see” and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24TH

No study.
Happy Thanksgiving!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST

Memory Verse:

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD."

~ Proverbs 18:22 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 19:4

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday's sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Thank you, Lord, for showing us your grace as a congregation, for giving us your Word and Your Son!
- Jesus, purify and bless Your bride, the Church! Make me holy and loving as a member of Your Body.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 14:1 & 26, Proverbs 15:1-2, Proverbs 21:9 & 19

Reflection Questions:

- What does it look like to speak wisely? How does wise communication affect our relationships?
- What does a wise husband look like? A foolish husband? What does a wise wife look like? A foolish wife?

Prayer:

- Father, thank You for speaking graciously to me, even in my sin. Teach me to speak truth in love, to bless others and not to tear them down.
- God, make me a godly man or woman, so that if I marry or am married, I would be a blessing to my spouse, family, church, and community.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5:18-19, Ephesians 5:22-33

Reflection Questions:

- What is supposed to characterize the marriage relationship? How does this reflect and represent the relationship of Christ to the Church?

- How can you grow in taking delight in your spouse, your family, your church, and your community?

Prayer:

- Lord, forgive me for contributing harshness, judgment, and bitterness to my marriage, my family, and my friendships.
- Gracious Father, thank you for blessing me with my family, friends, and church. Teach me to delight in them!

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH

Memory Verse:

*"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."
~ Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)*

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What are some key takeaways from the sermon yesterday?

- How do you plan to engage what you have heard in your heart and actions?

Prayer:

- Thank God for the preaching of the gospel yesterday, and for blessing His people!
- Pray for the brothers and sisters you met and talked to as they live for Christ this week.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 34:13, Proverbs 15:4

Reflection Questions:

- Do you tell lies? Are the words that come from your mouth only true? Why do you not tell the truth (all the time)?

- What are you protecting? Are you concerned about losing something?

- Read James 3:9-12 and Luke 6:45. What does our tongue tell us about our heart?

Prayer:

- Confess to God lies, half-truths, and deception He brings to your mind. Perhaps you need to confess this to someone and ask for forgiveness?
- Meditate and pray Psalm 141:3: “Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.”

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 10:19, Proverbs 15:28, Proverbs 17:27-28, Proverbs 21:23, Colossians 4:6

Reflection Questions:

- The tongue can be a problem. But it can also bring blessings! God’s Word reminds us not only that our words have power to curse but also to bless. What does it look like to give life with your words?

- Would you say you are an encouraging person? Do you see good and say good? What prevents you from lifting others up? Why?

Prayer:

- List some people you are encouraged by and thankful for. What can you say to encourage them? Now, spend some time praying for them.

SATURDAY:

Prayer:

- Begin with some time meditating and reflecting on what you have heard and engaged this week in God’s Word.
- Spend some time praying for our gathered worship time tomorrow. Pray for those leading the time: preaching, music, and prayer. Pray that the Spirit of God would open our hearts and our eyes.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH

Memory Verse:

“Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.”

~ Proverbs 8:10-11 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Ask for God’s guidance in your life and work in the coming week.
- Pray for God to bless your neighbors, coworkers, and community with the wisdom of the gospel.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:1-21

Reflection Questions:

- List all the ways that wisdom describes itself in this passage.
- List all the things that accompany wisdom and all the things that are antithetical to wisdom in this passage.
- Who does wisdom offer herself to in this passage?

Prayer:

- Pray that your heart would be receptive to God's wisdom.
- Pray that those in positions of authority would govern with the wisdom of God.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:22-36

Reflection Questions:

- What is significant about the timing/age of wisdom?

- What other passages of Scripture come to mind when you read Proverbs 8:22-31?

- What is the promise of wisdom, and why is she able to make that promise based on these verses?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would increase our expectation to make us wise as we walk with Him daily

SATURDAY:

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Prayer:

- Pray for the gathering of God's people tomorrow, that our worship and fellowship would be rich and genuine.
- Pray for the preaching of God's Word, that those who hear would "see" and trust in Jesus. Pray for yourself that you would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22ND

Memory Verse:

*“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

~ 1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

MONDAY:

Reflection Questions:

- What were one or two things that stood out to you from yesterday’s sermon?
- In light of these things, in what way(s) do you need to change your attitudes or actions today?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would keep you from pride, folly, and error in the coming week.
- Pray that the Gospel would find new opportunities in your community this week.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reflection Questions:

- Why might the cross be “folly to those who are perishing?”
- What does this passage tell us about the differences between man and God?
- Given what we have learned about wisdom in this series, how is the cross “the wisdom of God?”

Prayer:

- Pray that those who see the cross as folly would be awakened to the beauty of the gospel.
- Pray that the wisdom of God in the cross of Christ would refresh your heart, especially as you prepare for Christmas.

FRIDAY:

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Reflection Questions:

- Why did God choose what is foolish, weak, and low to accomplish his purposes?

- In what ways does the birth of Jesus relate to this passage?

- How might this passage be encouraging for Christians, especially those who feel unqualified, unimpressive, or marginalized?

Prayer:

- If God could use what is foolish, weak, and low to accomplish His purposes, then He can be trusted in the messiness of life. Pray that you would trust God's wisdom, especially when things don't seem to be going according to plan.
- Pray that God would fill your heart with wonder and awe this Christmas season as you ponder the birth of Jesus.

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