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***Memory Bank Verses (Psalm 119:11) –***

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding. (Proverbs 3:13)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments;* His praise endures forever. (Psalm 111:10)

But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach,

and it will be given to him. (James 1:5)

***Subject Theme/Introductory Thoughts*** – – Consider how wisely you are living.

Key Word(s) – fool, foolishness, prudent, wisdom, wise,

People everywhere are searching for things. From the mundane like searching for lost car keys to searches for a new job, a spouse, or the answers to life’s deepest questions. What are you prioritizing as important in your life? How are you going about attaining it? This questions from this lesson (from Proverbs, the Psalms and other selected Scriptures) aim at encouraging to make wisdom a high(er) priority to search for. How will you get it? How will you know when you have found it? What will you do with it?

***Gospel Seeds (Romans 1:16,17) – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31***

***Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs (Psalms 96:1; Ephesians 5:19) –***

***Psalms –***

***Hymns –***

***Spiritual Songs –*** The Wise Man Built His House Upon a Rock

***Biblical Character Study***: Solomon

What were/are some things that Solomon shared about wisdom? How did his life back it up?

2 Samuel 1 Kings Psalm 72 Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon Matthew

Solomon is either mentioned in some of the Bible books listed above or he wrote them. What were/are some things that distinguished Solomon as being a wise man? Did Solomon ever display foolishness? If so, how so??

Early in Solomon’s life, God asked Solomon to ask for anything he wanted. What did Solomon request? Give

some examples how Solomon exhibited wisdom.

Solomon is reported as having 300 wives and 700 concubines and only one son is mentioned. How many of

his wives can you list by name? How would he know which one(s) were excellent like described in Proverbs 31?

Why is only one son mentioned? What was his son’s name? What was he like?

According to Ecclesiastes 12:13–14, when everything is all said and done, what did Solomon say are the two

most important things we ought to do?

***Notable Quotable(s)*** –

***Additional Resource(s) –*** Appendix S – “Searching”

***In conclusion*** – After finishing this study, what are possible outcomes we might learn and/or put into practice?

**A Wisdom Search – Proverbs**

1. Pr. 1:2-4 – Why were the Proverbs written?
   1. to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c. to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d. to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Pr. 1:7 –

a. What is the beginning of knowledge?

b. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?

1. Pr. 1:7 –
   1. What do fools despise?
   2. In what ways have you shown yourself to be foolish?
2. Pr. 1:32 – What will the complacency of fools result in?
3. Pr. 2:1-5 – How does one discern the fear of the LORD?
4. (Personal) Is the fear of the Lord, (circle your choice)

Wisdom; Knowledge; Both, wisdom & knowledge; Other? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Explain why.

What does “fear of the Lord” mean?

1. Pr. 3:13 – What is the outcome for the person who finds wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Pr.3: 35 –What will fools display? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Pr. 4:7–12 – What will wisdom do for you?
   1. v. 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d. v9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. v. 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e. v10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. v. 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Pr. 4:20-27 – Name the parts of the body from this passage impacted by wisdom. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### What body part is integral to getting wisdom? v20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Prov. 22:17 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (Challenge)

#### Unscramble the letters in the word listen to make a new word. (Hint: What do you need to be in order to listen?)

#### Describe how the ear is designed and how it works.

1. Pr. 6:6-8 – Which insect teaches us how to be wise? How?
2. Pr. 8:1 – Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice? (Personal) Have you answered the call? \_\_
3. Ring. Ring. Wisdom calling.
   1. Pr. 8:4-5 – Who is wisdom calling to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. When did you last accept the call from wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Are you really listening? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Pr. 8:6-11 – What is wisdom saying to you today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Pr. 8:11 – Wisdom is better than? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Pr. 8:12 – Where does wisdom dwell? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. Pr. 8:12 – Who does wisdom find with her? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   7. Pr. 8:14 – What belongs to wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   8. Pr. 8:18 – Who else is with wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   9. Pr. 8:22-31 – What do these verses remind you of? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   10. Wisdom was the LORD’s delight *daily* (8:30) at the beginning of His way (8:22). What is your daily delight?
   11. Pr. 8:32-36 – What is the person like who keeps the ways of wisdom and listens to her?

**A Wisdom Search – Proverbs**

1. According to Pr. 8:13, what is the fear of the LORD?
   1. How does wisdom turn us away from evil?
2. Pr. 8:23 – When was wisdom established?
3. Pr. 8:35 – For he who finds me (wisdom) finds life and obtains what?
   1. What does favor of the LORD look like in your life?
4. Pr. 9:1-12 – a. Have you heard the call of wisdom?

b. If so, what specifically did you hear her say?

1. What is different about wisdom’s call in chapter 8 and her call in chapter 9?
2. Pr. 9:10 –
   1. What is the beginning of wisdom?
   2. Why do you need wisdom?
   3. (Personal) How are you demonstrating the fear of the Lord?
3. Pr. 10:1 (see also Pr. 15:20; 29:3) – What makes a father glad?
4. Pr.10:1 – What is a foolish son?
5. Pr.10:8 – The wise of heart will receive commands, but what will happen to a babbling fool?
6. Pr.10:18 – Two different uses of the tongue are shown here. What is the foolish use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What does the wise person do, in contrast?
7. Pr.10:21 – The lips of the righteous feed many, but what happens to fools?
8. Pr.10:23 – Doing wickedness is like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a fool, and *so is* wisdom to a man of understanding.
9. According to Pr. 10:27, what does the fear of the LORD do for a person?
10. What are four characteristics of the wise person?

Pr. 11:2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pr. 11:30 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pr. 21:20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pr. 29:11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How do you measure up to these criteria? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Pr. 12:15 (cf Pr.15:31; 19:20; 20:18) –

a. What is known about a wise person?

b. How is that different from a fool?

c. In which ways do you emulate wisdom?

1. Pr.13:16 – Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ displays folly.
2. It has been said you can tell a lot about a person by the company he keeps. What do Proverbs 13:20 say about this?
3. Pr.14:1 – The wise woman builds her house, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Pr. 14:6 – Who will seek for *wisdom* but find none?
   1. (Personal) If you have found wisdom, what does it look like in your life?
   2. Think of someone you know that you would consider wise. In what ways does this person show wisdom?
   3. How can you learn from this person?

**A Wisdom Search – Proverbs**

1. Pr.14:8 – The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way, but the foolishness of fools is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Pr.14:9 – Fools \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but among the upright there is good will.
3. Pr.14:16 – A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Pr.14:17 – A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and a man of evil devices is hated.
5. Pr. 14:27 – The fear of the LORD is what?

in order to avoid what?

1. Pr.14:33 – Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Pr.15:2 – The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Pr.15:5 – A fool \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but he who regards reproof is sensible.
4. Pr.15:14 – The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Pr. 15:16 – Better is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the fear of the LORD, than what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Pr.15:20 – A wise son makes a father glad, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. According to Pr. 15:33, what is the fear of the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. How good are you at following instructions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Is wisdom a matter of following instructions? Why or why not?
8. Pr. 16:6 – What does the fear of the LORD help one keep away from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Pr. 16:16 – What is better than gold? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Pr.16: 23 – What instructs the mouth of a wise person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and what is added? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Pr.17:10 – A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding Than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Pr.17:12 – Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Pr.17:28 – When is a fool considered to be “wise”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. Pr.18:2 – A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Do you have areas in your life, or groups of people, in which you have shown yourself to be foolish?
    2. How can you learn wisdom?
15. Pr.18:7 – A fool’s mouth is his ruin, and his lips are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. (Personal) The proverb speaks of one’s “mouth.” Are there applications here beyond the spoken word? (Hint: What does your online presence say about you, in terms of where you hang out and what you post?)
17. Pr.19:1 – Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in speech and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A Wisdom Search – Proverbs**

1. Pr.19:3 – The foolishness of man ruins his way, and his heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Pr.19:10 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not fitting for a fool; much less for a slave to rule over princes.
3. Pr.19:13 – A foolish son is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.
4. Pr.20:3 – Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Pr.21:20 – There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Pr. 22:4 – What is the reward of humility and the fear of the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Pr.22:15 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
8. Pr.23:9 – Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Pr. 23:17 – What is contrasted with living in the fear of the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When do you face the temptation mentioned in this verse?
10. Pr. 24:3-4 – How is a house built? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Pr.26:1 – Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, so honor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Pr.26:3 – A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Pr.26:4 – Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Pr.26:5 – Answer a fool as his folly *deserves*, that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. Pr.26:7 – *Like* the legs *which* are useless to the lame, so is a proverb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. Pr.26:12 – Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. Pr.27:3 – A stone is heavy and the sand weighty, but the provocation of a fool \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. Pr.27:22 – Though you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, y*et* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. Pr.28:26 – He who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered.
20. Pr.29:11 – A fool always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but a wise man holds it back.
21. Pr. 29:15 – What gives us wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
22. Pr.29:20 – Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
23. Pr.30:32-33 – If you have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or if you have plotted *evil*, *put your* hand on your mouth. For the churning of milk produces butter, and pressing the nose brings forth blood; so the churning of anger produces strife.

**A Wisdom Search – Psalms**

1. Psalm 19:7 – The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

the simple.

1. Psalm 37:30 – The mouth of the righteous utters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and his tongue speaks justice.
2. Psalm 49:1- 4 – My mouth will speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the meditation of my heart will be understanding. I will

incline my ear to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; I will express my riddle on the harp.

1. Psalm 51:6 – Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know \_\_\_.
2. Psalm 104:24 – O Lord, how many are Your works! In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You have made them all; the earth is full of

Your possessions.

1. Psalm 111:10 – The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do *His*

*commandments;* His praise endures forever.

1. Psalm 119:97,98 – O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandments make me \_\_\_\_\_\_

than my enemies, for they are ever mine.

**A Wisdom Search – Other Selected Scriptures)**

What do the following passages say about wisdom or being wise?

1. Matthew 2:1-12 –
2. Matthew 7:24-27 –
3. Luke 2:52 –
4. Romans 11:33-36 –
5. Romans 12:16 –
6. I Corinthians 1:18-31 –
7. I Corinthians 2:1-10 –
8. James 1:5 –
9. James 3:13-18 –
10. (Challenge) Turn to Appendix S – Searching and find out what many people were seeking for throughout the times when the Scriptures were written.