

# Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Week of May 1, 2022 A.D.

## Blessed Is the Person Who Finds Wisdom and Gains Understanding

Wisdom and understanding are given to those who sincerely seek to know, love, and serve Christ.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read Proverbs 1:1**

1. What is a proverb? Are all proverbs found only in the Bible? Are biblical proverbs of spiritual value (a) always, (b) more often than not, or (c) never?

### **Read 1 Kings 3:4-5; 8-12**

2. Is this story true or fictional? If this story is true, what is the logical relationship between this story and the writings which are contained in the biblical book of Proverbs?
3. In your opinion, do all American Christians have reasonable access to a Bible? Has every American Christian read the book of Proverbs? Should they? If so, how often?

Note: For questions 4-6, first define and describe the meaning of each word or phrase. Then, please state the benefits of pursuing, acquiring, and demonstrating in your daily life the commendable trait which is specified in each word or phrase.

### **Read Proverbs 1:2**

4. Please define and describe: (a) wisdom, (b) discipline, and (c) understanding words of insight.

### **Read Proverbs 1:3**

5. Please define and describe a disciplined and prudent life. What does it mean to do that which is: (a) right, (b) just, and (c) fair? Are these three actions always consistent with each other?

### **Read Proverbs 1:4**

6. Please define and describe (a) prudence, (b) knowledge, and (c) discretion. Can a “simple person” become prudent? Do young people naturally have knowledge and discretion?

### **Read Proverbs 1:5**

7. What is the difference between hearing and listening? What is “learning”? Are learning and knowledge always the same? What is discernment? Does discernment require guidance? What are the ways in which a person can receive and develop a discerning biblical spirit?

### **Read Proverbs 1:6**

8. Should every Christian (who has the ability to read and understand at a high school level) study and apply what is written in the book of Proverbs and the four gospels of the Bible?
9. Should every Christian who has the ability to do so: (a) regularly attend weekly services at a Bible believing church? and/or (b) be in a small group Bible study which meets at least twice a month?
10. Please read and explain the meaning of Proverbs 1:7. In your opinion, is Proverbs 1:7 true?

**Consider:** During the last three generations, many people have dedicated their earthly life to developing a deeper understanding of both science and technology. Such knowledge may indeed prove to be useful during our lives on planet earth. But, the men and women who wisely choose to dedicate their lives to developing a deeper knowledge of (and a deeper relationship with) Christ will be blessed beyond measure for both time and eternity. “You think about that.” Amen.