

INTRODUCTION

- * The Purpose of the book of Proverbs is to provide wisdom, knowledge, instruction, understanding, discernment and discretion.
- * Last week, we considered the primary precept of the book: the fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge. The principle then that is derived from that precept is that those who are wise will seek the wisdom and understanding, but fools will despise wisdom and understanding.
- * As we continue in our study of the book, we instantly see Solomon place a challenge to his son regarding choices. This book of Proverbs is all about choices! Our choices will be affected by our desires - in the end, what is it that we want to possess? The proposition of this book is that Wisdom is the best thing that we can possess.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE C _____ (1:8-19)****A. Of S _____ (v. 8-10; Ephesians 6:1-3)****B. Of S _____ (v. 10-14; Psalm 1:1)****II. THE C _____ (1:8,10; cf. Matthew 6:19-24; Joshua 24:14-15; 1 Timothy 6:9-10)****A. The Possessions of the W _____****B. The Possessions of W _____****III. THE C _____****A. C _____ & C _____ (cf. 1:25-27, 32-33)****B. P _____ & P _____ (cf. 2:10-15; 3:21-26)****INTROSPECTION**

* What are you seeking after in life? If it came down to wisdom or wealth, which would you choose?

* Who, or what, are you looking to for your protection and preservation?

Do you truly "Fear the LORD" ... or ... "Love Him with all your heart, soul and mind"?

* Kids ... How do you treat the counsel of your mother and father?

Are you more inclined to listen to your parents or those in the world?

* Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Read Ruth 1:15-17; 3:1-11; 4:1-6, 13-17. How does the account of Ruth and Boaz illustrate the principles from Proverbs 1?