

LESSON 1 // THERE'S A SMART WAY TO LIVE

Big Idea: Making the most of your life starts with a choice to get wisdom and to live wisely—to live according to God's Word and His way.

Smart living is wise living. Wisdom makes your life better and we get wisdom by going after it, seeking God and allowing His Word and His Spirit to guide us.

Proverbs 2:6-11 (NLT) *For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.*

Start Talking:

What's one of the wisest choices you have ever made? How did that impact your life?

Start Thinking:

Read Proverbs 9:10 and Colossians 3:16. Why is the fear of the Lord and a relationship with Him through Christ so vital for gaining wisdom?

Read Proverbs 2:6-11. How does wisdom from God make your life better, according to these verses?

Read James 1:5-6. Why is it important to ask God for wisdom? How should we ask Him?

Read Proverbs 2:1-6. What does it mean to be a student of God's Word? How can this help you become wiser?

Start Praying:

Pray for a deep desire to reverence the Lord and to know Him better as a foundation growing in godly wisdom.

Start Doing:

Make a commitment to read through the Book of Proverbs with a heart to learn wisdom from God as you read and respond. Begin by reading one chapter a day for the next 31 days. Write down what you are learning along the way so you can see how God is working!