



# WISE UP

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## KNOWLEDGE VS. WISDOM

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1. Share a time you did something unwise or foolish. What made that action foolish? How did that turn out?
2. Pastor Mark explains that the word "Proverb" in Hebrew means "Comparison." What (or who) is being compared in the book of Proverbs? Why is comparison a helpful learning tool?
3. The Hebrew word for "Wisdom" means "skillful" or "highly skilled." What skills are we developing when we pursue wisdom?
4. Pastor Mark points out that much of the wisdom found in the book of Proverbs is "common sense." But common sense is not always common practice. What sort of common sense behaviors are being violated by many people today?
5. If our lives are going to be either an example for others to follow or a warning for others to heed, what sort of positive examples of wisdom do you want people to draw from your life?



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6. Read Proverbs 2:4. Pastor Mark points out that when the book of Proverbs tells us to “search for wisdom,” the word used for “search” is an intense and passionate word, describing a diligent pursuit of something very valuable. What are some ways we can “search” for wisdom today?
  
7. If you could offer one piece of advice for the generation coming up behind you, what would that advice be? Why?
  
8. Pastor Mark notes that as King Solomon grew older, more wealthy, and more comfortable, he stopped pursuing wisdom and he no longer practiced what he had preached. Why do some people fail to finish well in life?
  
9. As we move into the new year, what one piece of advice would you give yourself? Why? How do you plan to take action on this advice?