

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. Are there times when you can still hear the voice of an authority figure from your past (a parent, a coach, a teacher, an employer, etc.) warning you about a certain decision or action?
2. Do you think that there are spiritual messages in the many voices in our lives competing for our attention and affection? How do we discern and filter out those voices that would lead us toward evil from those that lead us to life?
3. How does the father in 2:1-22 model proper parental instruction toward his son? Why doesn't it work to just say "because I told you so!"?
4. Is wisdom a gift from God or something to be worked for?
5. According to 2:10, what is foundational to living in wisdom?
6. How are "men of perverted speech" (2:12) a rival to the voice of Wisdom? What tactics do these people use?
7. While Proverbs is not about behavior modification, what does it say that your behavior reveals? If you find yourself giving in to "perverted speech" and the "smooth words" of the adulteress, what does Proverbs say about more foundational issues?
8. What is the key idea from this instruction in 2:1-22?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Proverbs - The Promise of Pursuing Wisdom

1. Accept the _____ of Wisdom. 2:1-11
 - a. _____ your way to God. 2:1-4
 - b. God will _____ Himself to you. 2:5-8
 - c. You will be _____ by the LORD's _____. 2:9-11
2. Pursuing Wisdom keeps your _____ from _____. 2:12-22
 - a. The path of _____ men. 2:12-15
 - b. The _____ of the forbidden woman. 2:16-19
 - c. Two _____ lead to two _____ ends. 2:20-22