

# DEVOTIONAL

for volunteers



Coaches help their teams by guiding them towards good decisions. They create the strategy, put together a game plan, and send their players out to make it happen. Wouldn't it be nice for someone to do that for all of our decisions? Thankfully, God gives us wisdom whenever we feel like we could use a good coach. In this 4-week series from Proverbs and the Epistles, we'll learn more about the wisdom God offers us whenever we want to make godly decisions. We'll see that **wise people practice what God has said** and **share what God has given them**. We'll also look at how the Holy Spirit helps **wise people follow God's guidance** and how **wise people's words show God's love**.

To get ready for this teaching series, spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be **teaching**, praying about what God wants to do in and through us in the next few weeks, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1 Wise people practice what God has said.

2 Chronicles 1:7–13; James 1:22–25; Proverbs 1:7

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

This week, ask God to help you grow in wisdom.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to put God's words into action? Is there a situation where you need help? Can you memorize God's words for the times you need guidance? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2 Wise people share what God has given them.

1 John 3:16–20; Proverbs 22:8,9; Matthew 25:35,36,40

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

This week, ask God for the chance to use your gifts to help someone.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need help identifying the gifts God has given to you? Is there someone you could help right now? Can you invite your friends to live generously with you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## **WEEK 3** Wise people follow God's guidance.

Ephesians 1:15–23; Proverbs 1:20–33; Luke 2:52

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

This week, ask God for guidance in a difficult situation.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Can you ask for help with discerning God's wisdom in your life? Do you need to talk to someone about a situation you're experiencing? Can you ask others to share wisdom with you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## **WEEK 4** Wise people's words show God's love.

James 3:13–4:3; Ephesians 4:29–5:2; Matthew 12:34

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

This week, ask God to help you use your words to show love.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to reconsider the words and tone you use with others? Is there someone you could encourage and lift up today? Do you need to ask someone about the messages they interpret from your language? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.