

PROVERBS: “Wise Up!”
“Wisdom: To Receive it or Reject it. That Is the Question”
Proverbs 1:8-33

Living What I Am Learning

1. Think about things your parents have taught you, how you responded to them and the long term benefits for you. If you have children, share one of those lessons with them. If possible, write your parents and thank them for the wisdom they shared with you. Read Proverbs 1:8.9.
2. Can you think of something that turned out be different than what you were told and led to believe? Have there been instances when you disregarded the warning signs and pursued the wrong path? What was the end result? How are you dealing with the enticement of sin in your life today?

Can you share with your children why the short term benefit or pleasure of doing something wrong is not worth the long term results?
Read Proverbs 1:10-19.

3. Why do we not listen to the “voice of reason”, or, the “voice of wisdom”? What is it about human nature that pursues its own way? Can you think of an area of your life where you are not applying the wisdom of God? What commitment are you willing to make to bring that area of your life in alignment with God’s Word? Are you willing to be accountable? To whom? Read Proverbs 1:20-23.
4. Why are the consequences of rejecting wisdom so tragic? Compare this certainty with our understanding of God’s grace and mercy. How can we allow these warnings to motivate us to choose wisely?

If you have children, talk to them about what it means to face consequences for their behavior. Illustrate it from your own life, if possible.
Read Proverbs 1:24-32.

5. Listening and learning are encouraged in verses 9, 23 and 33. Read these verses aloud and discuss why they motivate you to make wise choices.

We rightly discipline our children for making poor choices. Think about positive ways to re-enforce the good choices they make and implement some this week.