



Part 2: Wisdom from Proverbs 14 & 15
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Biblical wisdom is God's principles applied.

The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none,
but knowledge comes easily to the discerning. – Proverbs 14:6

Discerning: the ability to decipher right from wrong

The heart knows its own bitterness,
and a stranger does not share its joy. – Proverbs 14:10

No one will ever quite know your unique pain—not exactly.

The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked,
but the prayer of the upright pleases him.
The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves
those who pursue righteousness. – Proverbs 15:8-9

Detest: to loathe or disdain or strongly dislike

When we pursue God and live for him, it pleases him.

Whoever heeds life-giving correction
will be at home among the wise.

Those who disregard discipline despise themselves,
but the one who heeds correction gains understanding. – Proverbs 15:31-32

**Would you like it to be said of you that you are at home among
the wise?**

Then be correctable.

Next Step: Proverbs Challenge

Take the Proverbs Challenge — read one chapter every day in the month of May. Proverbs has 31 chapters; May has 31 days. It couldn't be simpler to stay on track! If you haven't started yet, just start on the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month.

As you read, keep an eye out for all the benefits of Proverbs described in chapter 1:

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

- ²...for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for understanding words of insight;
- ³for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;
- ⁴for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
- ⁵let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
- ⁶for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are you learning as you read through Proverbs? What has stood out to you?
- 2) Read Proverbs 14:6. When you heard this on the weekend, what did you think?
- 3) Jump to Proverbs 15:31-32 and read it. On a scale from 1-10, how correctable are you? Why do you think that is?
- 4) Read today's corresponding chapter from Proverbs. Which Proverb grabbed your attention? Why?
- 5) Pray for wisdom. Pray over each other.