

Sermon Notes – Sunday 24th February 2019

‘Becoming a wise person’

Word: Wisdom is defined as **‘Skill in Living’**: skill in relating to God, skill in relating to people and skill in relating to all sorts of situations we might face.

- Share an occasion recently when you have been aware of your need for wisdom.
- Luke 2:52 tells us that ‘Jesus grew in wisdom’. Identify occasions in Jesus’ life and ministry where he demonstrated great wisdom.
- Read Proverbs 1:1- 7
- What is the purpose of the book?
- For whom is the book written?
- Solomon calls those who despise wisdom ‘fools’. Can you identify an occasion when you might have fallen into that category?

Read Proverbs 4:1-10

- Where might we go to listen to the voice of experience in order to acquire wisdom?
- Read Proverbs 4:10-20 How many references can you identify that suggest we see life as a journey, a walk along a path?
- When have you sought a quick fix solution to a problem when the answer lies in a step by step approach?
- Solomon contrasts the path of the righteous with the way of the wicked. How does he describe the way of wisdom (righteous) as opposed to the way of the wicked (foolish)?
- Can you recall a time when you have taken the way of the wicked and life became complicated? How did you find your way back?
- Read Proverbs 4:21-27. Which of these verses in particular gives you helpful advice?

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