 **How to Be Good at Life [[1]](#footnote-2)**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 16: Proverbs

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**SERMON NOTES**

*Question: Why do some people always seem to get the bum deal?*

1. **Principles on Wisdom**
2. God is wise (Isa. 28:29)
3. God wove wisdom into the fabric of creation (3:19)
   * We can learn wisdom by studying creation (6:6)
4. Wisdom begins with learning to fear God (1:7)

* We “get in the game” by respecting his supreme rule and authority

1. The good life is lived “with the grain” of the wisdom that guides the universe (see 3:1-4)

*Wisdom aligns our lives with the operative principles of the universe, yielding blessing.*

1. **Growing in Wisdom**

* We do this by learning it from God (2:6)
* We incrementally replace foolishness with wisdom

*The scale of wisdom does not only measure*

*on one extreme or another: wise or fool*

* Search out wisdom for the area of life that you need it.

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. Read Proverbs 3:1-4. Based on what the father is teaching the son in Proverbs, what is the “teaching” that is referred to? What are the results of living the wisdom that is being taught?
2. How does Proverbs 3:2 support the idea that the proverbs are not rules, but are general principles that normally prove to be true?
3. Pick a Proverb (verse) in chapters 10-29. Why do you think that proverb is true? (Possible examples: 11:2, 11:15, 11:26)
4. Discuss the idea that being wise vs. be a fool should be assessed on a scale, rather than speaking of absolutes. When have you demonstrated foolishness? When have you demonstrated wisdom?

**Prayer:** “When I look at my life, I see I need wisdom for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Please guide me to the truth of your word that I need to hear.”

1. This title is taken from the Bible Project video on Proverbs. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)