

## LIFE-WISDOM FROM CHILDREN

*All of us have had a great teacher at some time, but there is one teacher we've all shared—the oldest, wisest and most demanding of all. When Experience stands at the head of the class, everyone pays attention. After all, not all lessons can be learned from a book. Each week during our study on Wisdom, we'll hear some of the truths discovered by children and their experience.*

- ① When you jump down stairs, be sure to take your hands out of your pockets. — Philip, Age 11
- ② Never smart off at a teacher whose eye and ears are twitching. — Andrew, Age 9
- ③ Try not to sneeze when someone's cutting your hair. — Adreinne, Age 12
- ④ You shouldn't try to test a 9-volt battery with your braces unless you're looking for an easy way to melt all your rubber bands. — Chris, Age 14
- ⑤ You shouldn't try to do 15 cartwheels in a row. — Vanessa, Age 10
- ⑥ Once you put your quarter in the machine and turn the knob, you realize the quarter was better than the thing you got. — Natalie, Age 9
- ⑦ When you lick a slug, your tongue goes numb. — Bethany, Age 11
- ⑧ Learning to forgive takes practice. — Anne, Age 14
- ⑨ Never eat a Butterfinger in front of a hungry dog. — Charlie, Age 11
- ⑩ When you're feeling down, brush your teeth. It makes you feel like a new person. — Stephanie, Age 14

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### Wisdom 101 Sermon Series

SEPTEMBER 10 – Where Wisdom Begins

SEPTEMBER 17 –The Wisdom of a Life Built on Jesus

SEPTEMBER 24 – The Wisdom of Choosing Your Words Wisely

OCTOBER 1 – The Wisdom of Eating Well (*World Communion Sunday*)

OCTOBER 8 – Left Behind: The Wisdom of Letting Go of Grudges

OCTOBER 15 – The Wisdom of Knowing God's Will

OCTOBER 22 – She's Gonna Blow! Wise Advice for Handling Our Anger

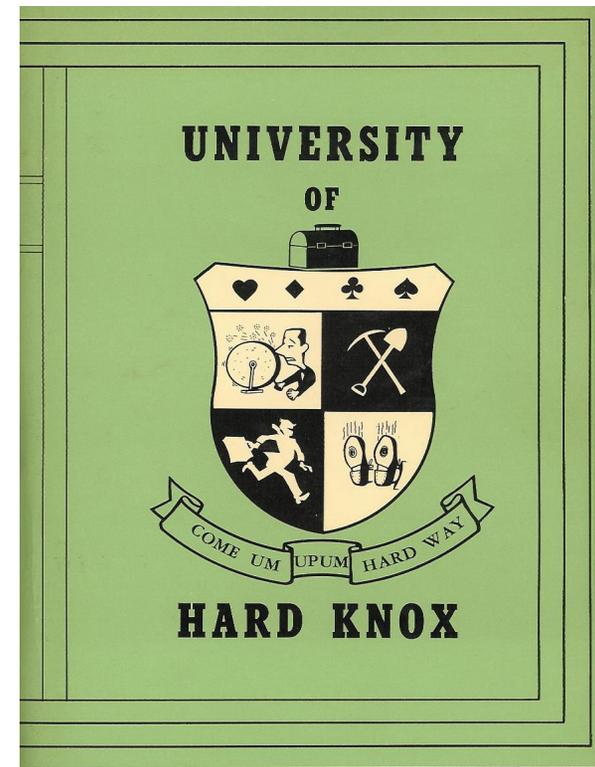
OCTOBER 29 – Ancient Wisdom for Modern Families (*Children's Sabbath*)

NOVEMBER 5 – She's Gonna Blow! Wise Advice for Handling Our Anger

NOVEMBER 12 – Common Sense – Godly Wisdom with Your Finances

NOVEMBER 19 – The Wisdom of Radical Thankfulness

# Avoiding Tuition in the School of Hard Knocks



## Living Life God's Way!

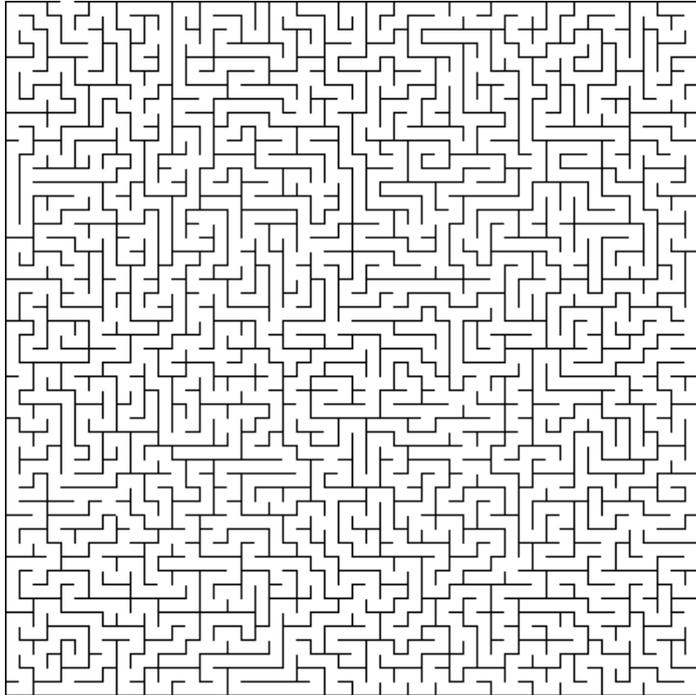
# A Study in Wisdom

## LIFE IS A LOT LIKE A MAZE!

It's true. Every day we are faced with all kinds of decisions and options. There's this ultimate goal we want to attain in the end. But to get there, we've got to weave in and out of situations that are often complicated and sometimes even confusing.

With each circumstance we find ourselves at a crossroads where our choices and decisions will lead us down a path. Some of those choices will have a great impact on our life and the lives of those around us.

Many of us find it's hard to know where to turn. We find ourselves at a fork in the journey of our lives and we don't know which way to go or what direction to head. **We need a guide!**



Fortunately, there is such a guide to help us with the challenging maze we face on a daily basis. **God's wisdom is that guide.** Much of that practical wisdom is found in the Bible in the book of Proverbs.

*Wisdom: the capacity to see the world from God's perspective and to respond to it according to His principles.*

## A WORD ABOUT PROVERBS

Solomon had the ability to express God's great wisdom in a very down-to-earth way. As a result, the book of Proverbs reads like a collection of folksy, common-sense advice you might get from an aunt, uncle or grandparent.

Usually, the advice takes the form of a brief, memorable "one-liner." Reading Proverbs may at first remind you of reading the dictionary: there are short, self-contained items in a long list with little or no connection. The practical guidance, intended to help you make your way in the world, skips from topic to topic.

As a result, it requires a different kind of reading than other books in the Bible. It's hard to read several chapters in a row. Proverbs are meant to be taken in small doses, savored, digested, and gradually absorbed.

Even though the one-liners in Proverbs move quickly (and apparently randomly) from one subject to another, **there is** an overall aim and idea behind the disorder. Familiar themes keep showing up: the use & abuse of the tongue, wealth and poverty, keeping and losing one's temper, laziness and hard work. If you spend enough time in Proverbs, you will gain a subtle and practical understanding to living life God's way!

**PROVERB OF THE WEEK:** Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your path. — Proverbs 3:5-6

### **To read, study and meditate on this week**

MONDAY: Proverbs 1:1-7

TUESDAY: James 1:5 and James 3:13-17

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 2:1-11

THURSDAY: Proverbs 3:1-6

FRIDAY: Proverbs 4:5-8

SATURDAY: Colossians 1:9-12