

**Get Smart: Wisdom for Life from Proverbs**  
**Discussion 8:**  
**“Final Lessons:**  
**Get Humble...Not Proudful**  
**Get Smart...Don't be a Fool**  
**Get Jesus...Solomon's Wisdom and Jesus' Wisdom”**

**Summary/Overview:**

A conclusion to our “Get Smart” wisdom series focusing on three topics: walking in humility, not pride; rejecting foolishness; and the ultimate example and expression of wisdom – Jesus.

**Reminder:**

*This is a guide. Adjust the content used based on the needs of your group.*

**I. Group Welcome/Icebreaker, if needed (Suggested Time: 3-5 min.)**

**II. Life Sharing (Suggested Time: 10-15 min.)**

Allow each individual or couple to share about how they are doing personally.

**III. DNA Journal Sharing (Suggested Time: 3-5 min.)**

Allow people to share about what God is speaking to them through their daily reading using their DNA Journal.

**IV. DVD Discussion Introduction (Approximately 20-25 min.)**

Open in prayer.

Play “Get Smart” DVD (Discussion 8).

**V. Discussion (Suggested Time: 30-45 min.)**

What stood out to you from the DVD?

**1. Get Humble (Lose Pride)**

Discussion:

- Agree/disagree: “All sin begins with pride.”
- Agree/disagree: “Satan’s primary sin was pride.” (Is.14: 12-14)
- Agree/disagree: “Our culture is excessively proudful.”

Review these passages from Proverbs:

Prov 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”  
The Message: “First pride, then the crash— the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.”

- Have you ever experienced this in your own life?
- What did you learn from it?

Prov 11:2 “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

The Message: “The stuck-up fall flat on their faces, but down-to-earth people stand firm.”

- Why do you think humility and wisdom are connected?

### **Read Proverbs 6:1-5.**

- What does verse 3 say about humility?
- What does humility look like in the context of this passage?
- How would you apply this to your own life?

On the DVD, Pastor Bob mentioned the connection between those with a “superiority complex” and those with an “inferiority complex”—what do you think?

How can we lose pride and grow in humility?

## **2. Get Smart (Don't be a Fool)**

Proverbs 14:16 “A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.”

Prov 29:9 “If a wise man goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.”

Prov 12:16 “A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.”

Prov 14:3 “A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.”

Prov. 10:18 “He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.”

1. What do you learn about a fool from these passages?
2. What do you learn about wisdom from these passages?
3. What is one thing you need to work on that these verses discuss?

**Read Jesus' lesson on the fool and discuss: Matthew 7:24-27.**

1. What are the lessons to be learned here?
2. Can you think of a time when you were foolish and presumptuous in your plans?
3. Can you think of a time when God’s wisdom helped you to avoid a situation that ultimately was a loser?

**3. Get Jesus (Solomon’s wisdom and Jesus’ wisdom)**

*Similarities between Jesus and Solomon:*

- Both “sons of David”
- Both had wisdom which was unique among men (compare **1 Kings 3:12 with John 7:46**)
- Wisdom was a gift from God to Solomon (see **1 Kings 3:7-9 and 1 Kings 4:29**); Wisdom was also a gift that Jesus manifested (see **Matt. 13:54**)

**Read Luke 2:52; Matthew 13:54; and 1 Corinthians 1:30.**

- What do these verses say about Jesus and wisdom?

**Read Matthew 12:38-42.**

- Why is Jesus greater than Solomon?

*Differences between Jesus and Solomon:*

<b>Solomon</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Did not live what He preached	Sinless perfection in living
Focused on practical living	Emphasized radical living
Taught principles of human observation	Taught heavenly principles of Kingdom invasion
Ultimately pessimistic—lost sight of God (re: Ecclesiastes)	Believed in the abundant life ( <b>John 10:10</b> )
Built the earthly temple	The temple is the realm of the Spirit
Solomon was a foreshadow of Jesus as David’s son	Jesus—also the “son of David’s house” fulfilled all the promises made to David

**Conclusion:**

The wisdom of Solomon gave us **Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes**, which are great guides for practical living.

The Wisdom of Jesus healed, set people free, taught the life in the Kingdom, and demonstrated Divine authority over places of darkness.

Certainly, the wisdom of Proverbs is Godly guidance for living, but the “living” wisdom of Jesus is what powers these ideas.

**A “Wise” Suggestion: There are 31 chapters in Proverbs. Read one chapter of Proverbs each day for the corresponding date (i.e. On June 20, read Proverbs 20, etc.).**

**VI. Prayer (Suggested Time: 10-15 min.)**

Pray for any issues related to the discussion.

Pray for any personal needs.

**VII. Important Church Announcements (Suggested Time: 2-3 min.)**

Encourage your Life Group members to participate in the upcoming opportunities and events at The Cause.