



**Series:** Topical  
**Passage:** The Book of Proverbs  
**Title:** Wisdom for Today  
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**Discussion Starter** – How would you define Wisdom? Where is Wisdom Found? Is it exclusive? How can we access wisdom?

- Review Proverbs 1:7. How does the “fear of the Lord” result in knowledge? Why do people despise wisdom and instruction?
- In what 3 ways do the proverbs teach wisdom?

**Proverbs 26:20-22**, “...where there is no tale-bearer, strife ceases...”

- What is the difference between open communication and gossip?
- Considering the devastating effects of gossip, how do you choose what information you share with others?

**Proverbs 15:1**, “A soft answer turns away wrath... But a harsh word stirs up anger”

- Who in your life are you most apt to give a harsh or blunt response to?
- How do you determine when there is more value in being right or to be more engaging?
- What do you find is typically the root issue in your disagreements? When are you more prone to respond to others with a harsh answer? Read Judges 8:1-3. What value and wisdom do you see in the way Gideon responds to his accusers?

**Proverbs 29:11**, “A fool vents all his feelings...But a wise man holds them back”

- What is the world’s advice for the expression of our feelings?
- What is the danger in expressing our feelings to the whole world?

**Proverbs 12:25**, “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad”

- God uses trials and stress to cause our growth. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What advice does the bible give us about where to go with our worry and our feeling? Why is this important?

**Proverbs 11:14**, “Where there is no counsel, the people fall...But in a multitude of counselors is safety”

- What are some of the decisions you have made without godly counsel that you would have done differently now and why?
- Who do you have in your life that you can trust to provide you with good counsel?

**Proverbs 13:24**, “He who spares the rod, hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly”

- Describe how parents should interpret and apply this verse to their parenting. What are the dangers of ignoring this instruction or not applying it appropriately as God intended?
- Read Proverbs 3:11-12. What is God’s purpose for disciplining us? How has God disciplined you? How does God want you to carry it out with your children?
- Why do you think our society as a whole is so against using the rod as a means of discipline?