



# A HEART OF WISDOM

## LESSON 11: Wisdom is as Wisdom Does

We believe that you are your child's first and most important spiritual leader. To support you that mission, we have created this tool to go along with each lesson your grade school age children are learning at Quest on Sundays.

### SECTION VERSE

PROVERBS 2:9-10

“Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”

### LESSON VERSE

PROVERBS 20:11

“Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright?”



WISDOM IS SHOWN IN OUR ACTIONS

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read & discuss Prov. 20:11 & 1 Timothy 4:12
- What is character? How is it formed?
- Why is important to form good habits while you are young?
- Who helps you to live wisely? Who gives you that power? (2 Peter 1:1-8)
- How can you be an example to older Christians?



# PARENT DEVOTIONAL

**What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. - Philippians 4:9**

## **LESSON 11: Wisdom is an action word**

“Just do it” - Nike

Character and a good name are built, not with increasing knowledge, but rather one choice at a time, one action at a time, one day at a time. If you’ve ever learned to type you remember the hunt and peck phase. Struggling to not look down at your fingers, wearing out the backspace key, and breaking the auto-correct on your computer. If your work has forced you to keep at it, day in and day out, over any length of time, your fingers are now likely flying over the keys as you bang out emails, reports, and social media posts. You may even be able to carry on a conversation with someone while looking at them and still be typing. How did you get there? You learned to type by typing. Think also of a child learning to walk and then consider the ease and agility of an athlete. Good teaching and a pursuit of knowledge are important, but remember Jesus’ words, “the one who hears these words of mine, AND puts them into action, he is like a man who built his house upon the rock.” Similarly, you can gain knowledge about prayer, but you will only learn to pray by praying, to share your faith by sharing your faith, to spend time in the Word by spending time in the Word, to serve by serving. Our weak efforts to put his Word into action are taken by God, empowered by his Spirit, and turned into something more. Are we encouraging the young people of the church to actively exercise their knowledge, whether a little or a lot, in a way that honors God? It is through this exercise that they will grow in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man (Luke 2:52).

I want to leave us with a hard question. Are we leading the children by example? Can it be said of us, “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7). Can we tell the children, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). By God’s grace I pray that we will not be found wanting, that we will be able to look at our spiritual children and say with the apostle John, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

### MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Proverbs 20:11-20

1 Timothy 4:12

Hebrews 13:7

1 Corinthians 11:1

Philippians 4:9