



# A HEART OF WISDOM

## LESSON 2: Listen to the Wise

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 22:17

“Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach.”



LISTEN TO THE WISE & WISDOM WILL PROTECT YOU

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read aloud Proverbs 2:1-11
- What does God want us to do with His wisdom?
- Where does wisdom come from? (verse 6)
- What good things will wisdom bring us?
- How can you apply what you learned in Quest this week?



# PARENT DEVOTIONAL

For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

-Proverbs 2:10-11

## LESSON 2: Don't be a fool, listen to the wise

What is one of the most often lamented or joked about attributes of youthful thinking? We all know the old adage, "The older I get, the wiser my father becomes." The foolishness of youth leads us to believe that we know everything and that our way is better. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." Sadly, this foolishness, if not lovingly corrected in our children, often continues on into adulthood and creates ever increasing heartache along the way as the consequences of our foolishness grow more serious. "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death" (Prov. 14:12).

How is this foolish tendency remedied? What is God's plan for His children? There are two main parts; the content and the delivery mechanism. The first part, the content, is the revealed word of God. If a Christian ever hopes to share the mind and attitudes of Christ then they must immerse themselves in knowing Him. "Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2). The writer of Hebrews tells us we must be "transformed by the renewing of your mind," in order to understand and share the mind of Christ. This occurs through exposure to His Word. But there is a second piece of the puzzle.

"Turbulence ahead." Have you ever wondered how pilots know ahead of time to have you buckle up in preparation for turbulence? The answer is simple. Pilots talk to one another. Pilots further along a flight path will report turbulence back to those who are following behind. In a very real sense they've been where the other pilots are heading. God places us in families, both biological and spiritual, for many reasons. Not least of these is for the purpose of imparting wisdom to those following behind us. Those of us who are more wise and experienced are able to lovingly point out the coming turbulence and, more importantly, the solution to life's turbulence in the living Word of God. It is vital that we echo and magnify the Bibles' exhortation to the young to "pay attention and turn your ears to the sayings of the wise." Do not be discouraged. Though it will often seem like you are talking to an impenetrable wall, God's word is "sharper than any two-edged sword," and can be trusted to penetrate the heart of our kids if we are faithful and do not give up in our task of graciously and lovingly pointing them to the way, the truth, and the life.



### MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Proverbs 2:1-11

Proverbs 22:17-19

Proverbs 1:8-9

Psalm 1:1-3