

**A WORD TO THE WISE**  
**PROVERBS 1:8 and 1:1-2 / JULY 9, 2017 / AM**

A. Who is Solomon?

1. He was the second wisest man to ever live---- Luke 2:52 and Mark 6:2 .
2. Solomon was also the son of David and the King of Israel.
3. In a dream God offered to give Solomon anything he asked for--1 Kings 3:9.
4. God was so pleased with his answer that he gave Solomon much more--1 Kings 3:11-13.

B. Where does wisdom come from?

1. Some are just born with it.
2. Some acquire wisdom over time through life experiences.
3. The best place to find wisdom is from God--Prov. 1:9, James 1:5.

**I. WHAT IS WISDOM?**

A. Wisdom may include intelligence and knowledge but it is much more than that--1 Kings 4:32-34.

1. In short, wisdom is the ability to make good decisions.
2. Solomon had the ability to make good decisions--1 Kings 3:24-28.

B. Charles Stanley in his book, "Walking Wisely" adds that wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective.

**II. WHY DO WE NEED WISDOM?**

A. Charles Stanley lists four benefits of having God's wisdom.

1. First, wisdom helps us learn who God is--Isa. 55:8-9.
2. Second, wisdom positions us so God can bless us and we can become who God wants us to be.
3. Third, wisdom can make us a blessing to other people.
4. Fourth, wisdom can help us deal with difficulty in life.

B. In the first nine chapters of Proverbs, Solomon lists several benefits.

1. First, wisdom will set you on the right path in life--2:9-10.
2. Second, wisdom will prevent you from making mistakes in your life--3:23.
3. Third, wisdom will prolong your life--3:1-2.
4. Fourth, wisdom will give you peace and prosperity in life--3:2.
5. Fifth, wisdom will protect you in life--4:6.
6. Sixth, wisdom pays well in life meaning it's worth it--9:12.