Characteristics of the Wise
A Topical Study
Eight Lessons

Bible Study Course

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

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**LESSON 1: THE WISE MAN, DESCRIBED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

1. 1 Kings 3:6-12 – What king received a wise and understanding heart from the Lord?  

2. Psalm 2:10-11 – Who are instructed to be wise and to serve the Lord with fear?  

3. Psalm 19:7b – Who can “the testimony of the Lord” make wise?  

4. Psalm 101:2 – “I will behave myself __________________ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will ______________ within my house with a __________________ heart.”  

5. Proverbs 1:5 – Who “will hear, and will increase learning”?  

6. Proverbs 2:6 – “For the LORD ______________ wisdom: out of his mouth ______________ knowledge and understanding.”  

7. Proverbs 3:7 – What did Solomon instruct the reader not to be?  

8. Proverbs 4:7 – What is “the principal thing”?  

9. Proverbs 8:12 – What does wisdom dwell with?  

10. Proverbs 9:9 – What is the result of giving instruction to a wise man?  

11. Proverbs 11:30 – How is “he that winneth souls” described?  

12. Proverbs 14:1 – What does a wise woman build and a foolish woman tear down?  

13. Proverbs 15:7 – What do the “lips of the wise” disperse, but not “the heart of the foolish”?  

14. Proverbs 18:4b – How is the “wellspring of wisdom” described?  

15. Proverbs 28:7 – “Whoso keepeth the ______________ is a wise son: but he that is a companion of ______________ men shameth his ______________.”  

16. Memory Verse: Daniel 12:3 ~ “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

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LESSON 2: THE WISE MAN, DESCRIBED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Matthew 10:16 – What did Jesus say to be wise as?

2. Luke 2:52 – Who “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man”?

3. Acts 6:8-10 – Who was “full of faith and power”?

4. Acts 7:9-10 – Who was sold into Egypt but was given “favour and wisdom” by God?

5. Romans 1:14 – To whom did Paul say he was a debtor?

6. Romans 11:33a – “O the _____________________ of the riches ____________________ of the wisdom and knowledge of God!”

7. I Corinthians 1:21 – What type of “foolishness” pleases God?

8. I Corinthians 1:25 – Is the “foolishness” of God wiser than men?

9. Ephesians 1:8 – “Wherein he hath ______________________ toward us in _________ wisdom and __________________;”

10. Ephesians 1:16-17 – What did Paul pray that God would give to the Ephesian believers?

11. Colossians 1:9b – What did Paul desire for the Colossian believers?

12. Colossians 1:10 – “That ye might walk _______________________ of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in __________________ good work, and ______________________ in the knowledge of God;”

13. Colossians 2:2-3 – What is hidden in Christ?

14. Colossians 3:16a – “Let the __________________ of Christ dwell in you __________________ in all ______________________;”

15. Colossians 4:5 – What should the wise redeem?

16. Colossians 4:6 – How are the wise instructed to speak?

17. I Timothy 1:17 – How did Paul describe God?

18. II Timothy 3:15 – What did Paul say “are able to make thee wise unto salvation”?

19. James 1:5 – What does James instruct any that lack wisdom to do?

20. James 3:13b – How will a wise man show his works?

21. James 3:17 – Name seven characteristics that describes the wisdom that is “from above.”

22. II Peter 3:15 – Who did Peter describe as beloved and wise?

23. Revelation 5:12 – What is the “Lamb” worthy to receive?

24. Revelation 7:12 – “Saying, Amen: ___________________, and _______________, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and _______________, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.”

25. Revelation 13:18 – What is “the number of the beast”?

Memory Verse: I Corinthians 1:30 ~ “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:”

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LESSON 3: THE WISE MAN WILL LEARN

1. Deuteronomy 5:1 – What did Moses speak to Israel that they may learn?

2. Deuteronomy 31:13 – “And that their ________________, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to __________
the LORD your God, as long as ye __________________ in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.”

3. Psalm 106:35-36 – What was a snare to Israel when they were “mingled among the heathen, and learned their works”?

4. Psalm 119:7 – “I will __________ thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy _______________ judgments.”

5. Psalm 119:73 – What did the psalmist desire to learn?

6. Proverbs 1:5 – Who “will hear, and will increase learning”?

7. Proverbs 9:9b – Who “will increase in learning” when he is taught?

8. Proverbs 16:21 – What increases learning?

9. Proverbs 16:23 – “The ______________ of the wise teacheth his ________________, and addeth learning to his ______________.”

10. Proverbs 22:24-25 – Is it good to make friendships with the angry, or accompany the furious?

11. Isaiah 1:17 – “Learn to do well; seek judgment, ______________ the oppressed, judge the fatherless, ______________ for the widow.”

12. Isaiah 1:18a – “_________________ now, and let us ______________ together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white as _______________;”

13. Daniel 1:17 – What did God give Daniel and the other three Hebrew children?

14. Matthew 11:28 – Who did Jesus instruct to come unto Him and receive rest?

15. Matthew 11:29 – How did Jesus describe His heart?

16. Matthew 11:30 – What did Jesus say is light?

17. Mark 13:28-33 – What did Jesus name the parable here for the disciples’ learning?

18. Romans 15:4 – “For whatsoever things were ______________ aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience
and ______________ of the scriptures might have _______________.”

19. Romans 16:17 – Who did Paul say to “mark”?

20. Philippians 4:9 – Did Paul instruct the Philippian believers to do what they had learned, received, heard and seen in him?

21. Philippians 4:11b – What did Paul learn to be, regardless of the state he was in?

22. Colossians 1:7 – “As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a _________________ minister of Christ;”

23. II Timothy 3:14 – Did Paul instruct Timothy to continue in the things he had learned and been assured of?

24. Titus 3:14 – “And let ours also learn to maintain ______________ works for necessary uses, that they be not _______________.”

25. Hebrews 5:8 – What did the Son learn “by the things which he suffered”?

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:29 ~ “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto
your souls.”

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LESSON 4: THE WISE GET UNDERSTANDING FROM PROVERBS

1. Proverbs 1:5b – Unto what shall a man of understanding attain?

2. Proverbs 2:1-2 – “My son, if thou wilt _______________ my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and _______________ thine heart to understanding;”

3. Proverbs 2:3 – What does Solomon instruct his son to cry after?

4. Proverbs 2:4-5 – “If thou __________________ her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the _______________ of the LORD, and _______________ the knowledge of God.”

5. Proverbs 2:6b – What comes out of the mouth of the Lord?

6. Proverbs 2:10-11 – What is able to preserve a wise hearted person?

7. Proverbs 3:3-4 – What can a man of mercy and truth find?

8. Proverbs 3:5 – What are believers instructed to do “with all thine heart”?

9. Proverbs 3:13 – “________________ is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that _________________ understanding.”

10. Proverbs 4:7 – What is the “principal thing”?

11. Proverbs 8:5 – “O ye __________________, understand wisdom: and, ye __________________, be ye of an understanding heart.”

12. Proverbs 9:10b – What is “the knowledge of the holy”?

13. Proverbs 12:11 – Who is described as “void of understanding”?

14. Proverbs 13:15 – “Good understanding giveth _______________: but the way of transgressors is ______________.”

15. Proverbs 14:29 – Who “is of great understanding”?

16. Proverbs 16:16b – What is “rather to be chosen than silver”?

17. Proverbs 16:22 – How is understanding described here?

18. Proverbs 17:27 – What type of spirit does a man of understanding have?

19. Proverbs 17:28b – “…he that __________________ his ______________ is esteemed a man of understanding.”

20. Proverbs 19:8b – What will “he that keepeth understanding” find?


22. Proverbs 21:30 – “There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel ________________ the ______________.”

23. Proverbs 23:23 – “____________ the truth, and ______________ it ________; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

24. Proverbs 24:30-32 – What is described as “all grown over with thorns and nettles”?

25. Proverbs 28:5 – Who does not understand judgment?

Memory Verse: Proverbs 11:12 ~ “He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.”

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LESSON 5: THE WISDOM OF “KNOWING” IN I JOHN

1. I John 2:3 – “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we ___________________ his ____________________________.”

2. I John 2:4 – What is a man that says he knows God “and keepeth not His commandments”?____________________________

3. I John 2:5 – “But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the _______________ of God __________________________; hereby __________________ we that we are in him.”

4. I John 2:13-14 – Who can be overcome when we know the Father and His Word?__________________________________________

5. I John 2:18 – “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that __________________ shall come, even now are there __________________ antichrists; whereby we know that it is the __________________ time.”

6. I John 2:20 – “But ye have an ______________ from the ______________, and ye know ____________ things.”

7. I John 2:21b – What is not of the truth?_______________________________________________________________

8. I John 2:29 – “If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that ______________ one that doeth righteousness is ____________ of him.”

9. I John 3:1b – Why does the world not know “the sons of God”?___________________________________________

10. I John 3:2 – “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet ______________ what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be ______________ him; for we shall see him as he is.”

11. I John 3:5 – “And ye know that he was ______________ to take away our sins; and in him is no ______________.”

12. I John 3:14 – What is an evidence “that we have passed from death unto life”?______________________________

13. I John 3:18 – “My little children, let us not love in ____________, neither in tongue; but in ______________ and in truth.”

14. I John 3:19 – When “we know that we are of the truth,” what can be assured before God?__________________________

15. I John 3:20-21 – If our hearts condemn us not, what can we have toward God?______________________________

16. I John 3:24b – How can we know the Lord abides in us?_______________________________________________

17. I John 4:2 – What will every spirit that is of God confess?________________________________________________

18. I John 4:6b – “… Hereby know we the _______________ of ______________, and the spirit of ______________.”

19. I John 4:13 – “Hereby know we that we _______________ in him, and he in us, because he hath ______________ us of his Spirit.”


21. I John 5:2 – “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and _________________ his commandments.”

22. I John 5:13 – What may we know when we “believe on the name of the Son of God”?_________________________

23. I John 5:14b – What is a key for God to hear us when we ask?______________________________________________

24. I John 5:15 – “And if we know that he ______________ us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the ______________ that we _________________ of him.”


Memory Verse: I John 5:13 ~ “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

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LESSON 6: WISE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PROVERBS

1. Proverbs 1:2 – “To _____________________ wisdom and instruction; to ____________________________ the words of understanding;”

2. Proverbs 1:3 – “To __________________ the instruction of wisdom, __________________, and judgment, and __________________;”

3. Proverbs 1:4 – To whom did Solomon desire to give knowledge and discretion? ____________________________

4. Proverbs 1:7 – Who will “despise wisdom and instruction”? ____________________________

5. Proverbs 1:8 – “My son, ________________ the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the ________________ of thy mother:”

6. Proverbs 4:1 – What did Solomon instruct children to know? ____________________________

7. Proverbs 4:13 – “Take ________________ hold of instruction; let her not go: ________________ her; for she is thy __________________.”

8. Proverbs 5:1-2 – What does Solomon instruct his son to regard? ____________________________

9. Proverbs 5:12 – What do the unwise hate and despise? ____________________________

10. Proverbs 5:23 – “He shall ___________ without instruction; and in the __________________ of his folly he shall go ______________.”

11. Proverbs 6:23b – What “are the way of life”? ____________________________

12. Proverbs 8:10 – “__________________ my instruction, and ________ silver; and knowledge __________________ than choice gold.”

13. Proverbs 8:33 – How can one become wise? ____________________________

14. Proverbs 9:9 – Who can “be yet wiser” when he is given instruction? ____________________________

15. Proverbs 10:17 – “He is in the way of _______________ that keepeth instruction: but he that ________________ reproof erreth.”


17. Proverbs 13:18 – What are the consequences for one who “refuseth instruction”? ____________________________

18. Proverbs 15:5 – What does a prudent individual regard? ____________________________


20. Proverbs 15:33 – “The ________________ of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is __________________.”


22. Proverbs 19:20 – “Hear ________________, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy ________________ end.”

23. Proverbs 19:27 – From what did Solomon instruct his son to cease? ____________________________

24. Proverbs 21:11 – Who can be made wise when the scorner is punished? ____________________________

25. Proverbs 23:12 – “Apply thine ________________ unto instruction, and thine ________________ to the words of knowledge.”

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 15:33 ~ “The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.”
LESSON 7: THE WISE IN HEARING

1. Exodus 3:6-8 – From where did our wise Lord hear the cry of His people who were under bondage? ________________________________

2. Psalm 4:1b – What did David desire of the Lord in this prayer? ________________________________

3. Psalm 34:2 – “My ____________ shall make her boast in the LORD: the ________________ shall hear thereof, and be glad.” ________________________________

4. Psalm 34:4 – What did the Lord deliver David from after hearing his prayer? ________________________________

5. Psalm 143:1 – “Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ____________ to my supplications: in thy ________________ answer me, and in thy ________________________________.” ________________________________

6. Proverbs 1:33 – What are two benefits of hearkening unto wisdom? ________________________________


8. Proverbs 18:15 – What does “the ear of the wise” seek? ________________________________

9. Proverbs 19:20 – “Hear ________________, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy ________________ end.” ________________________________

10. Proverbs 19:27 – What should one cease to hear? ________________________________

11. Proverbs 20:12 – “The hearing ear, and the ________________ eye, the LORD hath ____________________ even both of them.” ________________________________

12. Ecclesiastes 7:5 – What is better than hearing “the song of fools”? ________________________________

13. Isaiah 41:17 – Who will God hear and not forsake? ________________________________

14. Matthew 7:24-25 – How did Jesus describe the house of those who hear and do His sayings? ________________________________

15. Mark 9:2-7 – What did the voice “out of the cloud” say at the transfiguration of Jesus? ________________________________

16. Luke 8:18 – Of what did Jesus say to take heed? ________________________________

17. John 10:27 – “My ________________ hear my ________________, and I know them, and they ________________ me:” ________________________________


19. Acts 4:20 – “For we cannot but ________________ the things which we have ________________ and ________________. ” ________________________________

20. Romans 10:14-15 – Who is sent by the Lord in order for people to hear the gospel? ________________________________


22. I Corinthians 2:9 –“But as it is __________________________, Eye hath not seen, nor ear ____________________, neither have entered into the ________________ of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that ____________________ him.” ________________________________

23. Ephesians 4:29b – What did Paul instruct the Ephesian believers to minister “unto the hearers”? ________________________________


25. Revelation 3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door, and ________________: if any man hear my voice, and ________________ the door, I will ________________ in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” ________________________________

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17 ~ “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

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LEsson 8: The Wisdom of Being Prudent

1. 1 Samuel 16:17-19 – Who was described as a valiant man and “prudent in matters”? ______________________________________________________________________

2. II Chronicles 2:11-12 – Who was described as a wise son “endued with prudence and understanding”? ______________________________________________________________________

3. Proverbs 8:12 – “I wisdom _______________ with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty _________________."


5. Proverbs 12:23 – “A prudent man ________________ knowledge: but the heart of fools ________________ foolishness.”

6. Proverbs 13:16a – What does every prudent man deal with? ______________________________________________________________________


8. Proverbs 14:8 – “The wisdom of the prudent is to ________________ his way: but the folly of fools is ________________.”

9. Proverbs 14:15 – Who “looketh well to his going”? ______________________________________________________________________

10. Proverbs 15:5a – What does a fool despise? ______________________________________________________________________


12. Proverbs 16:21 – Who “shall be called prudent”? ______________________________________________________________________

13. Proverbs 18:15 – “The ________________ of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ________________ of the wise seeketh knowledge.”


16. Proverbs 27:12 – “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and ________________ himself; but the simple pass on, and are ________________.”

17. Isaiah 3:1-2 – Name five of the types of men the Lord took from Jerusalem. ______________________________________________________________________

18. Isaiah 3:3 – Name three more types of men the Lord took from Jerusalem. ______________________________________________________________________

19. Isaiah 52:13 – “Behold, my ________________ shall deal prudently, he shall be ________________ and extolled, and be very high.”

20. Isaiah 52:14 – What was marred of this Servant “more than any man”? (Phil. 2:5-11) ______________________________________________________________________

21. Hosea 14:9 – Who “shall walk in” the right ways of the Lord? ______________________________________________________________________


23. Acts 13:7a – What was the name of the deputy that was described as prudent? ______________________________________________________________________


25. Ephesians 1:7-8 – What abounds toward all who have been redeemed through the blood of Christ? ______________________________________________________________________

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