

St Martins C3 – September 6, 2026

A Father's Wisdom

Sermon Notes:

Today is Father's Day and to help us reflect we will look at the longest talk between a Father and his son which is found in segments of the first nine chapters of Proverbs.

Read Proverbs 1:7

Wise people choose the right way to go, but wisdom is not just making good decisions. It is living right under the rule of God. The Fear of the Lord means we trust God and the way he made the world and commit to knowing Him.

Here are three ways we are to treat wisdom:

Seek Wisdom

A wise person never stops growing.

Read Proverbs 2:1-4

The wisest thing you can do is seek wisdom (4:7). As we test and apply wisdom from others, we become wise. You have not learned a lesson until you live it.

According to Proverbs our ability to become wiser comes down to a key area: our response to correction.

Read Proverbs 9:8-9

Question: Are you still actively learning?

Share Wisdom

A wise person helps others walk the right path

Read Proverbs 4:20-23; 1:10; 6:9-11; 6:20, 24-25

Don't just share your wisdom with everyone. There are only three times you should: A – The Situation is Urgent, B – They are receptive to hear, C – You have a close relationship with them. Otherwise, don't bother.

If you could take one piece of wisdom and help it penetrate deep into the heart of others, what would it be? Share it in different ways and help them find the way.

Question: Who are you intentionally sharing wisdom with?

Show Wisdom

A wise person helps others walk the right path.

Read Proverbs 3:1-4

Wisdom is something that people see more than they hear. We need to have a reputation for living wisely. Dad's what you do from 5-9 is just as important as what you do from 9-5. Both have sacred value.

Question: Does my life match my advice?

The call of Proverbs is not simply for us to be wiser but for us to be wisdom carriers. This is found as we know Christ and ask God to give us the wisdom we need in the relationships that we have.

Questions for Connect Groups:

Key Point

Growing in wisdom and bringing wisdom to others is the wisest thing you can do.

Questions

What stood out to you from this week's message?

What does this message tell you about God and humans?

Who is the wisest person that you know? What makes them wise? What does it mean to be wise?

Why do only some people grow in wisdom as they age?

How can you turn life experiences into wisdom? How can you gain wisdom from others experiences?

Why is our response to correction vital in growing in wisdom?

When have you taught wisdom to others and it has been not well received? When has it been well received?

What wisdom did you learn through your parents?

What is a wise motto you would like to bring to your family?

What is one way your life could show more wisdom?

Who are you called to show wisdom to?

Monday Devotion: Seek Wisdom

Wisdom is worth seeking. It is what God used to create the world. It brings a payment of joy that is greater than any other wages. It brings long life and leads to delight. Make a plan to find wisdom today.

Scripture

Proverbs 3:13-20

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Tuesday Devotion: Wisdom Apart From God

Most people search for wisdom from sources apart from God. That is what Adam and Eve did when they first sinned. Eve wanted the wisdom the fruit would give her. At first glance, this seems noble, until we see that she was seeking wisdom without fearing God's commands. The result is always disaster.

Scripture

Genesis 3; Proverbs 1:7

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Wednesday Devotion: Wisdom Through Trust

The way to find wisdom is not simply through finding the clever tricks that make life work, but it is through trusting in God. He directs us, he humbles us, he corrects us. It is only a life that is fully submitted to Him that will find lasting wisdom.

Scripture

Proverbs 3:5-12

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Thursday Devotion: Wisdom Cries Out

Alongside the words of the father to his son in Proverbs 1-9, are the cries of Wisdom herself. It shows that the ways of God are not hidden, but they are plain to all who would silence other voices and listen. People are without excuse if they don't listen. The real question is: are we listening?

Scripture

Proverbs 1:20-33

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Friday Devotion: The Key to Life

As we have read about the importance of wisdom this week, we can see that finding it is the wisest thing we can do. There is a contrast between the wicked and the wise that highlights how important wisdom is for us. Make steps to gain more wisdom this week.

Scripture

Proverbs 4:4-17

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)
