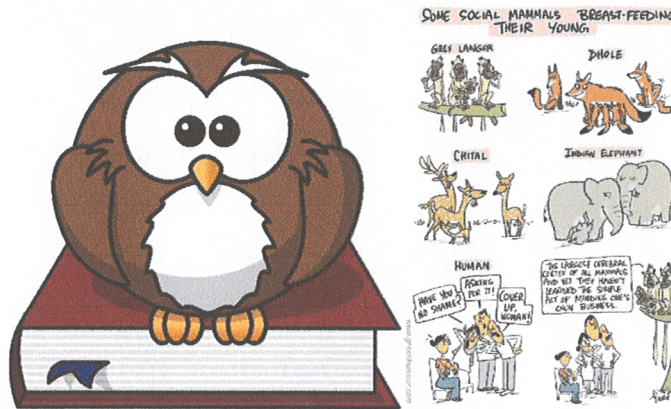


How does God's Word give us wisdom? (comprehension that is pure in motive gentle and full of mercy; perfectly consistent)


What kind of knowledge (commitment to wisdom and righteousness) can you get from the Word of God?


How does the Word of God help you discern (distinguish good from evil and understand His will) situations or problem solving?

Prudence means the quality of being careful and wise.  
How can you apply prudence to life?



## Proverbs 12

### Using Wisdom Wisely

*"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid."* Proverbs 12:1

*"Meditate on his Word Day and Night, on his promises, on truths about who he is, on how he can be trusted, on how he is sovereign and in control."* Proverbs 12:25

**Objective:** Students will be able to share problem situations where they applied the concept of using Wisdom to resolve the problem.

### Using Wisdom

1. State the Problem you are going to resolve.
2. Learn the facts.
3. Understand the puzzling details.
4. Discerning the situation: What Scripture supports your decision?
5. What action will you take to resolve the problem?

**Main Message:** Is the contrast between wisdom and foolishness, showing how wise choices, such as loving discipline, careful speech, and diligent work, lead to a good life, while foolish actions like hating correction, deceit, and laziness lead to ruin. The chapter emphasizes that a person's conduct, speech and work are a clear indicator of their character and will ultimately determine their destiny.



**Discipline:** Those who welcome correction and discipline love knowledge and grow in maturity, while those who hate it are foolish. **Spiritual discipline** will always produce fruit and blessings in our lives.

- Meditate on God's Word. God's word is the foundation of our lives, in the Scriptures, God reveals himself and his will for us.
- Jeremiah 15:16 "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts."
- To "eat" God's words means we take them in; we hear God's words or read them. When we do this consistently and meditate on them God's words become a joy and the delight of our hearts.
- Two forces that shape our thinking: Either the World or God's Word. Psalm 1:1-2 Read or listen to God's word and memorize it. Spending time in God's Word is like eating meals every day. It gives us strength.

**Careful Speech:** The wise are cautious with their words, but fools are quick to proclaim their folly. Careful speech can refer to the deliberate, slow, and precise articulation of words, often used in technical transcription or for clarity. It can also refer to the thoughtful and considerate way one speaks to avoid causing confusion, harm or offense, involving mindfulness of language, bias, and the impact of words on others.

**Diligence vs. laziness:** Diligent work leads to success and security, while laziness results in poverty and hardship. Diligent work means performing tasks with careful, steady, and persistent effort. It implies conscientiousness, thoroughness, and a commitment to seeing a task through to completion. A diligent worker is someone who is attentive to detail, hardworking, and follows through on their responsibilities.

**Truth vs. lies:** Truthful speech endures but lies will ultimately lead to a wicked person's downfall.

**Justice vs. deceit:** The thoughts of the righteous lead to justice, while the plans of the wicked lead to ruin.

**Good vs. evil:** Good people are kind to their animals, and their hearts are just, while wicked people are destructive and their actions lead to ruin.

### **Actions and Consequences**

- **Good actions:** A good person who does good work and has a loving spouse will experience good results.
- **Bad actions:** A person who speaks deceitfully or acts with malice will face negative consequences for their actions.
- **Durable results:** The results of righteousness are lasting, while the outcomes of wickedness are temporary and lead to ruin.