

ESTABLISHED in wisdom

In a world filled with quick opinions, fleeting trends, and constant noise, true wisdom stands as a rare and steady guide. The book of Proverbs offers more than clever sayings—it invites us into a way of life rooted in reverence, discernment, and godly insight. This devotional plan, *Established in Wisdom*, will walk you through key passages in Proverbs, drawing out the rich, practical truths that shape character, decision-making, relationships, and spiritual maturity.

Each day, you'll explore a different aspect of wisdom—from the fear of the Lord as its foundation to the daily disciplines that help wisdom grow. Whether you're facing a major life decision, seeking healthier relationships, or simply wanting to grow in spiritual depth, this plan will ground you in God's unchanging truth. Allow the ancient words of Proverbs to renew your perspective and establish your life on a solid foundation of divine wisdom.

DAY 1

THE WISDOM OF REVERENCE

Reading: Proverbs 9:10-12

Today we reflect on the foundation of wisdom - the fear of the Lord. This isn't about being afraid of God, but rather having a deep reverence and awe for who

He is. The pastor emphasized the importance of understanding God's greatness and power, while also recognizing His closeness to us. Take a moment to consider: How do you view God? Do you see Him as both the almighty creator and your closest friend?

Pray for a balanced perspective that honors God's majesty while embracing His love. Today, approach your tasks and interactions with a sense of reverence, remembering that true wisdom starts with acknowledging God's supremacy in your life.

DAY 2 THE BLOOD THAT CLEANSES

Reading: 1 John 1:5-9

The sermon highlighted the significance of Jesus' blood in our salvation and ongoing spiritual life. This powerful imagery reminds us of the depth of God's love and the cost of our redemption. As you read today's passage, reflect on the cleansing power of Christ's sacrifice. How does this impact your daily life? Are there areas where you need to accept God's forgiveness or extend forgiveness to others? Take time to thank God for the "wonder-working blood" that continually purifies us. Let this truth inspire you to live in gratitude and pursue holiness, knowing you are washed clean by His grace.

DAY 3 HONORING GOD IN THE EVERYDAY

Reading: Colossians 3:17

This week's message touched on how we sometimes rush through spiritual practices or treat God casually. Today's verse challenges us to do everything in the name of Jesus, with thankfulness. Consider your daily routines - how can you infuse them with a sense of reverence and gratitude? Perhaps it's pausing before meals to truly appreciate God's provision, or taking an extra moment in prayer instead of hurrying through. Reflect on ways you can honor God not just in church, but in your work, relationships, and leisure time. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see each moment as an opportunity to glorify God.

DAY 4 THE GOD WHO IS BOTH GREAT AND NEAR

Reading: Isaiah 57:15

Today's passage beautifully captures the dual nature of God that was emphasized in the sermon - He is both transcendent and immanent. God dwells in the high and holy place, yet also with the contrite and lowly. Meditate on this paradox. How does knowing God is all-powerful impact your trust in Him? How does His closeness affect your daily walk? Take time to praise God for His greatness, then quietly listen for His gentle whisper in your heart. Ask Him to help you live in the tension of reverential awe and intimate friendship with Him.

DAY 5 WISDOM IN COMMUNITY

Reading: Proverbs 13:20

The sermon touched on the importance of honoring those who have gone before us and learning from their wisdom. Today's proverb reminds us that we become wise by walking with the wise. Reflect on the mentors and spiritual leaders in your life. How have they modeled godly wisdom for you? Consider reaching out to thank someone who has positively influenced your faith journey. Additionally, think about your own role in others' lives. Are you intentionally sharing the wisdom God has given you? Pray for opportunities to both receive and impart godly wisdom in your relationships and church community.