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## **“Practical Wisdom from the Proverbs”**

### **Proverb 1:1-6**

***“These are the proverbs of Solomon, David’s son, king of Israel.***

***Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.”***

“Charles Tremendous Jones” used to share this to his audiences:

*“A man was introduced as being one of the wisest men to ever live. An interviewer asked him some questions:*

*Q. Sir, how did you come to be so wise?*

*A. Good judgement.*

*Q. And sir, how did you get your good judgement?*

*A. Experience.*

*Q. And how did you get your experience?*

*A. Poor judgment.”*

By writing and collecting the proverbs that went into this book, Solomon was doing for his children what most parents desire to do with their children, teachers want to do with their students, and older adults wish to do for younger people; pass on some tidbits of knowledge

and wisdom (learned by experience) that might help smooth and improve the road of life ahead. That certainly is our objective as my wife and I interact with our adult children and their families. And like Solomon, our motivation is LOVE.

Some of the key words that jump out of this first section to me and my quick explanations are:

- **Wisdom** – the theme of Proverbs: *“knowing the best action to take in a situation”*
- **Discipline** – something few want, but all need.
- **Insights** – something all need, but few look for.
- **Successful lives** – something most want, but few go about correctly.
- **Doing what is right, just and fair** – something we all should seek.
- **Knowledge** – something most think they only get from school.
- **Discernment** – keen insight and good judgement.

Solomon encourages everyone to read, study and ponder these proverbs and suggests that ALL who do will benefit.

My take away: Regardless of our age, our success, our education, our background, or where we are in life; we can all benefit from attending to these proverbs which will help us focus our thinking on HOW to live, and ultimately on our Heavenly Father who is ALL wise, ALL knowing , ALL powerful, and ALL loving. God is a Father who truly knows best.

***Prayer: Lord, as I read your word and these proverbs, help me to build their wisdom into my life and to apply what you led Solomon to write down. In doing so, I'm sure that YOU will be glorified and that I will benefit. Amen.***