

# WHY WISDOM?: *Pete Wilson*

**Proverbs 4:5** Get wisdom, get insight, pursue it!

**Proverbs 3:13** Happy is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding.

**Proverbs 16:16** To get wisdom is better than gold; to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

## WHAT IS A PROVERB?

A proverb is a catchy description of the way things  
\_\_\_\_\_ are.

## WHY PROVERBS?

1. We need to be reminded of just how \_\_\_\_\_ sin is.
2. We need a vision of the \_\_\_\_\_ life.

We will inevitably pursue a life that we think is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Ecclesiastes 2:4-11** Oh, I did great things: built houses, planted vineyards, designed gardens and parks and planted a variety of fruit trees in them, made pools of water to irrigate the groves of trees. I bought slaves, male and female, who had children, giving me even more slaves; then I acquired large herds and flocks, larger than any before me in Jerusalem. I piled up silver and gold, loot from kings and kingdoms. I gathered a chorus of singers to entertain me with song, and—most exquisite of all pleasures—voluptuous maidens for my bed. Oh, how I prospered! I left all my predecessors in Jerusalem far behind, left them behind in the dust. What's more, I kept a clear head through it all. Everything I wanted I took—I never said no to myself. I gave in to every impulse, held back nothing. I sucked the marrow of pleasure out of every task—my reward to myself for a hard day's work! Then I took a good look at everything I'd done, looked at all the sweat and hard work. But when I looked, I saw nothing but smoke. Smoke and spitting into the wind. There was nothing to any of it. Nothing. (The Message)

**Proverbs 19:24** Sluggards bury their hands in the dish, and will not even bring them back to their mouth.