

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## *Mother's Day*

These questions are for the **May 13, 2018** sermon, "The Wisest of Women." Please read the sermon passage (Proverbs 14:1-18) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

THE WISEST OF WOMEN INSTRUCTS US IN . . .

1. The disciplines we need to establish throughout life (1-7)
  - a. WISDOM: "Skillful living, expertise."
  - b. Be intentional about
    - i. steadily building your home on the Word of God (resist tearing down)
    - ii. using words wisely (resist undisciplined communication) [lips]
    - iii. working hard (resist being idle) [labor]
    - iv. constructive friendships (resist negative influences) [living]
2. The direction we need to take in life (8-14)
  - a. Carefully consider the way which "seems right." It leads to destruction (12)
  - b. There will be a day of harvesting good fruit, when you walk in God's ways (14).
3. The distinctions we need to make throughout life (15-18)
  - a. Don't live your life based upon shiny veneers. Look beneath the surface (15)
  - b. Consider each step: is it toward life? or Toward death? (16)
  - c. Prudence (wisdom in action) brings a crown--honor.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: What disciplines in the areas of LIPS, LABOR and LIVING will help produce a growing legacy in Christ? Would you say that you are investing in disciplines which are steadily building your life on the Word of God?
2. Based on #2, above: Direction is huge, because direction determines destination. There is a way which "seems right," but it leads to death and destruction. We said that there are two primary sources for direction: God (the Word) and friends (learning from other believers). In what ways are you currently allowing God's Word to be your guide? In what ways are you currently allowing Christian friends to be your guide?
3. Based on #3, above: Distinctions (or contrasts) produce clarity. Is there anything that you have become committed to that is foolish? Verses 15-18 call us to look deeper, be cautious, eliminate selfish schemes and invest in wisdom, which is "skillful living, expertise." Are you currently living with any simple, careless or unexamined motives?
4. Today's message was especially designed to help women (note that this Proverb is addressed to women, v. 1). In what way can you better honor your mother, or the memory of your mother?