

## DO THE RIGHT THING:

# Wise Things People Do To Bless Their Lives

### TEACHER'S GUIDE

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Like the last session, our goal is to examine some of the practical instructions to be found in Ecclesiastes. In this session we focus on things we should DO that will bring blessing and benefit to our lives.

#### PAGE-BY-PAGE TEACHING GUIDE

**Page 30** Have the students read and prepare this worksheet before coming to class. At the beginning of class, take several minutes to discuss what they recorded for each passage. The point to be emphasized is that wise men are very careful to listen to the instruction and rebuke of others. Make the point that if we want to be wise, we need to take to heart some of the practical instructions Solomon shares with us in Ecclesiastes.

**Pages 31-32** The students should prepare these sheets before coming to class. When you reach this point in class, break your students into teams and have them discuss their answers for each passage studied. Students should note any additional information they learned from their team discussion. After the teams have had some time to talk this over, go over each verse with the entire group. Each team can share what they have learned with the class. You should spend the rest of this class period working on this first set of verses.

**Pages 33-34** This worksheet should be used for a second class period. You can follow the same approach that you used for pages 31-32.

It is better to  
listen to the  
rebuke of a  
wise man Than  
for one to listen  
to the song of  
fools.

- Ecclesiastes 7:5

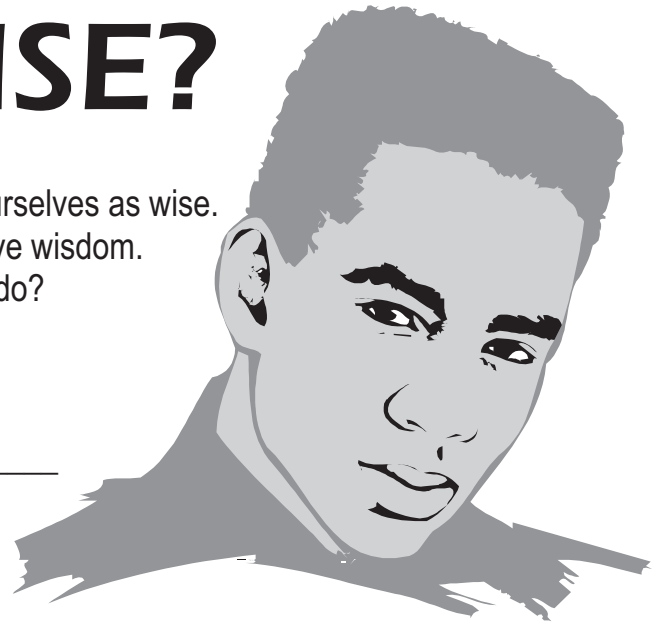
# LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD



**Studies In  
Ecclesiastes**

# ARE YOU WISE?

Who wants to say, “No?” We would all like to think of ourselves as wise. But the Bible says there are ways to know if we truly have wisdom. According to the passages below, what do wise people do? Read each passage and write your answer.



Proverbs 1:5

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Proverbs 9:8-9

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Proverbs 12:15

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Proverbs 15:31-33

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## **ECCLESIASTES: A BOOK OF GOD'S WISDOM**

We have seen that Ecclesiastes is a book loaded with practical wisdom. In the last session we discovered several passages that help us avoid serious mistakes that can mess up our lives. But within the pages of this great book we can also find positive instructions. These passages tell us all kinds of practical things we can do that will bless our lives. Those who are wise will listen!

Search the passages on the pages that follow and see if you can find some specific piece of wisdom that, when followed, will make your life really great!

# instructions

CLASS [1]

Read each passage cited in the box below. Do your best to find one piece of wisdom that will make your life better when you follow it. Take a moment to explain this wisdom in your own words. Then, give one specific way you can use this principle in real life. When you get to class, have the teacher break your group up into several teams. Each team should discuss their responses for each verse. Add any additional insight you learn from your team members. When each team is finished, have them share what they have learned with the entire class.

1

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

2

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 5:1-2

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

3

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 5:4-5

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

4

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 6:9

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

5

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 7:5

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

6

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 7:8

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

## your thoughts

Of this six pieces of wisdom discussed in this class, which did you find to be the most helpful to you personally? Explain why.

# instructions

CLASS [2]

Read each passage cited in the box below. Do your best to find one piece of wisdom that will make your life better when you follow it. Take a moment to explain this wisdom in your own words. Then, give one specific way you can use this principle in real life. When you get to class, have the teacher break your group up into several teams. Each team should discuss their responses for each verse. Add any additional insight you learn from your team members. When each team is finished, have them share what they have learned with the entire class.

1

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 7:14

IN YOUR WORDS:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

2

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 8:2-5

IN YOUR WORDS:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

3

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 9:17

IN YOUR WORDS:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

4

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 10:4

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

5

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 11:1-2

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

6

FROM GOD'S WORD: ECCLESIASTES 12:1

IN YOUR WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN YOUR LIFE: \_\_\_\_\_

from  
your  
team

## your thoughts

Of this six pieces of wisdom discussed in this class, which did you find to be the most helpful to you personally? Explain why.