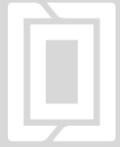


## GOD'S WISDOM. OUR MISSION.

Proverbs 8:1-5



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### A. Introduction

- a. Much of the book of Proverbs is Solomon's impassioned passing on to his son the love of wisdom; he wanted his sons to realize that by heeding his counsel they could find the best life possible.
- b. When we stay between the guardrails that the wisdom of Proverbs provides, we work in conjunction with how God designed us and will find the best life possible.
- c. The claim of this book is not that we are merely getting really good advice, but it is an invitation from God Himself to learn wisdom from the previous generations.
- d. However, we need to understand this great wisdom in the context of the fear of the Lord (1:7). The real core of living a "successful life" has always come by faith (not from ourselves) and in relationship with God.

### B. Setting up Proverbs 8:1-5

- a. Wisdom is personified as "Lady Wisdom." Personification is a figure of speech that gives an idea, object, or animal qualities of a person.
- b. Significance of what she is doing – she is calling out.
- c. Significance of where she is standing – at the highest place in town.
- d. Significance of who her target is – all mankind.

*1 Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2 At the top of the prominent places along the way, at the intersection of the paths she has taken her stand; 3 beside the gates opening into the city, at the entrance of the doorways she cries out: 4 "To you, O people, I call out, and my voice calls to all mankind. 5 You who are naive, discern wisdom! And you fools, understand discernment!" Proverbs 8:1-5*

**Living a life that trusts the wisdom of God calls out to broken and needy people.**

### C. Biblical examples

- a. Deuteronomy 4:5-8. The nations surrounding Israel would say, "Surely (Israel) is a wise and understanding people."
- b. 1 Kings 10:1-13. The Queen of Sheba was "amazed" at the Wisdom of Solomon.
- c. 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. Paul and the apostles being "the aroma of Christ" to the lost.

### D. Wisdom calling out among the least reached

- a. David and Shelly in Vietnam: *nhat vo nhi troi* – "first wife second heaven"
- b. Our COD missionaries.

### E. God's Wisdom, Our Mission

- a. Pray for our missionaries! Go to our website and sign up to receive our weekly missionary prayer request list.
- b. "Lord, please let something in my life speak to (this person) this week and let me know about it."