

The Ladies' Bible Class spent 2022 in a study of Proverbs from the theme: **Are You Being Wise or Are You Being Foolish?**

We focused on chapters 1-9. From these chapters we came to understand what a proverb is, who wrote the book of Proverbs, what it is about, and why we should delve into the proverbs. We memorized the key verse of this book, **Proverbs 1:7**. Also, we discussed important keys needed to unlock the understanding of this book, one of those keys was, 'Proverbs are not promises, they are probabilities that are sometimes true but not always true, there are exceptions....' We heard Solomon speaking passionately to his sons through 10 speeches on the benefits of choosing wisdom, and we met **Lady Wisdom** and Dame Folly through three (3) poems. We, hopefully, came away with a profound appreciation for the value of **godly wisdom** and a commitment to pursue godly wisdom. As these chapters unfolded, you were encouraged to commit at least one (1) verse from each chapter to your memory. Quote 9 passages, one from each chapter, to a sister before February 12, 2023.

With that as our foundation, we now enter 2023 with the theme: **Living Wisely in a Foolish World**. Selected sisters will take a topical approach to the Proverbs focused between chapters 10-29.

They will share from this book of wisdom the insight of Solomon and others on topics such as: the tongue, gossips, generosity, the poor, speech, the mouth, integrity, laziness and diligence, honesty and dishonesty, pride and humility, the wicked, truthfulness and recklessness, parents, pleasing God, being hasty, taking advice, making plans, aging, family, childhood, restraint, counsel and guidance, opinions, self-control, source of happiness, promises, marriage, character, and forgiveness.

These are not all the topics Solomon addressed in the book, but these are the ones we will study. This is not a study simply to say we are studying something in the Bible - the GOAL is to put into practice, i.e., learn to live these proverbs. In doing so we will **live wisely in this foolish world**.