



The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Department of Christian Education

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Sunday School Lessons Unit One "Wisdom in Proverbs" June 2020

God is experienced as Wisdom in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament.

During this quarter, we explore the many facets of wisdom as recorded in the Book of Proverbs, in the Gospels, and in the letter written by James. Unit I, "Wisdom in Proverbs," in four sessions, explores the nature of God's wisdom as found in the Book of Proverbs.

These sessions describe how Wisdom calls to us; the value of Wisdom and the gifts she offers; and ends by exploring the metaphor of the feast of Wisdom.

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Unifying Principle

People desire wisdom and hope to be rewarded when they search for it. Why is wisdom so desirable? Wisdom's value is more than tangible gain; it gives knowledge and courage and leads toward God's path of justice and righteousness.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To recognize the incomparable value of godly wisdom in producing wealth, righteousness, and justice.
- ✓ To appreciate the difference between wisdom's rewards and those of mere wealth.
- ✓ To analyze his or her life's pursuit to ensure that godly wisdom, with its attendant rewards, is in view and not some cheap substitute.

Challenges for the Week

- List the ways that the road to justice is paved by wisdom. How does this apply to anti-racism actions today?
- List various pursuits in life (education, career, family, etc.). What questions can we ask of ourselves to analyze if these pursuits are guided by godly wisdom rather than cheap substitutes?
- Identify ways or circumstances where wisdom is more valuable than money (verse 18).
- What is the connection between wisdom and the fear of the Lord?
- Teleconference your Church School class and ask, "How can our gifts of wisdom be used to work toward the end of the pandemic of world poverty and hunger?"

