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Wisdom: a vital quality of focus throughout the biblical record! Moved upon by the Holy Ghost, James contrasts mere human wisdom, provoking conflict with the wisdom from above, promoting purity and peace. Solomon cautioned not only to buy the truth and sell it not, but also wisdom, knowledge, and instruction. He was inspired by the Spirit to personify wisdom as a woman, hewing out seven pillars. Enjoy as Lori Wagner facilitates an interesting exploration of the practical application of this timeless biblical metaphor for wisdom!”

—Marvin Walker, pastor of Faith Apostolic Church
of Troy, Michigan

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Small Group

Facilitator's Guide

Welcome to *Wisdom is a Lady*! This booklet is designed to help you facilitate a small-group Bible study in your home or church. Used in conjunction with the student book and DVD, this guide will help you lead your group in four inspirational sessions on godly wisdom.

This resource can be used to minister to visitors, new believers, and seasoned saints, both male and female. Everything you need to have a successful study is included in the resource packet:

- Engaging lessons on video
- Supplemental mini-lessons unique to the student book
- Reflective discussion questions for group participation
- Assigned readings in Proverbs
- Journal pages

Thank you for your leadership in helping others study God's Word, and build lives of Godly Wisdom.

Wisdom Is a Lady Overview:

Lesson 1	Wisdom Is in the Construction Business
Lesson 2	Building with God's Blueprints
Lesson 3	Pondering Pillars
Lesson 4	The Pillar's Great Purpose

Class Structure

- Open meeting with prayer.
- Watch the DVD teaching sessions. (These were created to complement the lessons in the student books.)
- Present mini-lessons noted on lesson outline.
- Use discussion questions at the end of the sessions to review materials and facilitate interaction with students.
- Lead group in a focused, closing prayer.
- Remind students of reading assignments for the next session.

Leader Preparation

Each week, the heart of the lesson is presented on DVD; however, there are brief segments of the study that the facilitator must present to the group. These are referenced on the DVDs, so your group members will be looking forward to them.

Note:

Depending on the nature of your group, you may elect to have class members read the mini-lessons followed by your review and discussion questions.

Wisdom is in the Construction Business



Arch Scripture:

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars (Proverbs 9:1):

Pinnacle Point:

In the same way God used wisdom to build His house, so His people are called to uplift others.



Leader's Focus:

In Scripture, God presents wisdom as a female.

Concepts taught in this lesson include the following:

- Wisdom is a lady.
- By Wisdom the Lord founded the earth.
- Wisdom is timeless and eternal.
- Wisdom's attributes bless those that seek after her.
- We can learn to hear the voice of Wisdom.
- Wisdom is a builder.
- Everyone has equal access to Wisdom.
- Everyone is responsible to edify—or raise up—those around them.

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- A Lady Worth Knowing (page 14)
- Taking It to the Streets (page 15)
- Wonderful Wisdom (page 16)

1. Before Wisdom raised her pillars, what did she first do? Why was it so important?
2. Did Wisdom keep her treasure to herself? Explain using Proverbs 1:20 as your basis.
3. What are some of Wisdom's attributes and how could they be a blessing in your life?
4. What tools does Wisdom use to build? How can you use these to build in the lives of others in your family, church, or community?
5. Explain the difference between producing children and raising children. How can you help set children, youth, and new converts upright to serve?

- Lord, help us understand the importance of wisdom and embrace her work in our lives.
- Like Wisdom, may we be kind, holy, honest, and pure.
- Let us, like Wisdom, build on a solid foundation of reverence for You and Your Word.
- Help us learn to hear the voice of Wisdom and walk in the way of Wisdom.
- Lord, help us use our words to build in the

lives of others: constructing, not destructing; establishing, not demolishing; building up, not bringing down. May we be Kingdom builders who bring glory to You.

Closing Instructions:

Remind the class to read Proverbs 1-7 before the next lesson. Encourage them to journal as they read, noting any verses that stand out and how they apply to their lives, or something new they learned.

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- Seven Things (page 23)
- Wisdom's Be-Attitudes (pages 25-26)

1. Of the seven things God hates, which area do you struggle with the most? How do you think, with the help of God's grace and strength, you could improve in this area?
2. Think of a person who exemplifies one of the things God loves and how that encourages and inspires you. As you record this example, reflect on how your conduct and character carry the same ability to positively influence others.
3. Why do you think it is important to have God's vision for His kingdom? How does that apply to you or affect you personally?
4. Why is integrity so important in Kingdom building?
5. Name some of the good things we find in Wisdom's house.

- Lord, help us to love the things You love, and hate the things You hate—to abhor that which is evil, and cling to that which is good.
- Help us look for and listen to the “wisdom that comes from above” and exhibit the attributes of Wisdom in our lives.
- Help us look at life through the lens of your Word—to build our lives from Your blueprints for Your kingdom purposes.



Pondering Our Pillars



And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone (Genesis 35:14).

Pillars were uniquely fashioned and erected by men to mark the place of meeting and covenant with God.



In this lesson, we will look at both the purpose and construction of pillars as recorded in Scripture.

Concepts taught in this lesson include the following:

- Pillars have been used as memorials to people and to commemorate events.
- Pillars in Scripture include those of Jacob and Moses.
- Pillars were erected where God met with people.
- Pillars are made of three parts: base, column, and capital.
- We can apply the “pillar parts” in the lives of believers.
- Our “personal pillars” are carved from our unique experiences with God.

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Personal Pillars (page 31)

1. What are some reasons recorded in the Bible for people setting up pillars? Why were pillars significant?
2. Wisdom had to use materials she had available to create her pillars. Is there anything you feel the Lord asking you to “scrape away” as you carve out your own pillars?
3. What is the base of a pillar? Why is it important to have a strong base?
4. Explain the importance of obedience in supporting our spiritual structure.
5. The shafts of spiritual pillars are uniquely formed by individual experiences. Do you think it’s possible to create more pillars in your life? If yes, how?

- Lord, help us create memorials to those precious moments of communion, consecration, and covenant in our lives.
- Like the base of the pillar, let our firm foundations be rooted and grounded in reverence for You and Your Word.
- Let us be capped with glorious obedience, like a pillar with a beautiful capital. As a capital bears the weight of a structure, let the weight of your glory rest upon us as You build in our lives.

- May we realize always that building for Your kingdom is more than just carving out something beautiful that brings attention to us. Let us be “pillars at work”—the dwelling place for Your Spirit in our world.

Closing Instructions:

Remind the class to read Proverbs 15-21 before the next lesson. Encourage them to journal as they read, noting any verses that stand out and how they apply to their lives, or something new they learned.

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The Pillar's Great Purpose



These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (I Timothy 3:14-15).

Wisdom built the church of God—a dwelling place constructed of people who together form the pillar and ground of a divine truth: the mystery of the Godhead.



In this final lesson, we examine the purpose behind Wisdom's building activities.

Concepts taught in this lesson include the following:

- The house that Wisdom built is Christ's church, which is the pillar and ground of truth.
- The truth is the mystery of the Godhead.
- Believers create the dwelling place for the truth: Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.
- Overcomers will become eternal pillars in the temple of the Lord, established forever with and in Him.

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- Ought or Not (page 38)
- Scope and Hope (pages 39-40)

1. The church is the pillar and ground of truth. With that in mind, how ought the church conduct itself? (See I Timothy 3.)
2. Explain the mystery of the Godhead.
3. How does God's incarnation affect His ability to be the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world?
4. What is the future of those who overcome (Revelation 3:12)?
5. The church is charged with the sacred trust of preserving the precious truth of the Godhead—the revelation of Jesus. How are you committed and involved in this great calling?

- Lord, thank You for the sacred opportunity to be a part of Your church. Let us always be aware of our obligation to live righteously in all our conversation and character.
- Thank You for revealing the great mystery of the Godhead. Help us forever treasure knowing Who You are and the opportunity to be witnesses for You in our generation.
- Let us honor our responsibility to be keepers of this truth until that great day when we step into eternity with You—forever established as a pillar in the temple of the Lord.

Closing Instructions:

Remind the class to read Proverbs 22-31 over the next week as they spend some time reflecting on this study. Encourage them to journal as they read, noting any verses that stand out and how they apply to their lives, or something new they learned.

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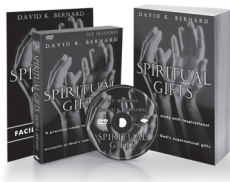
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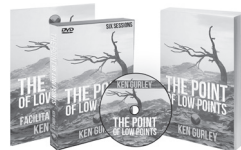
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