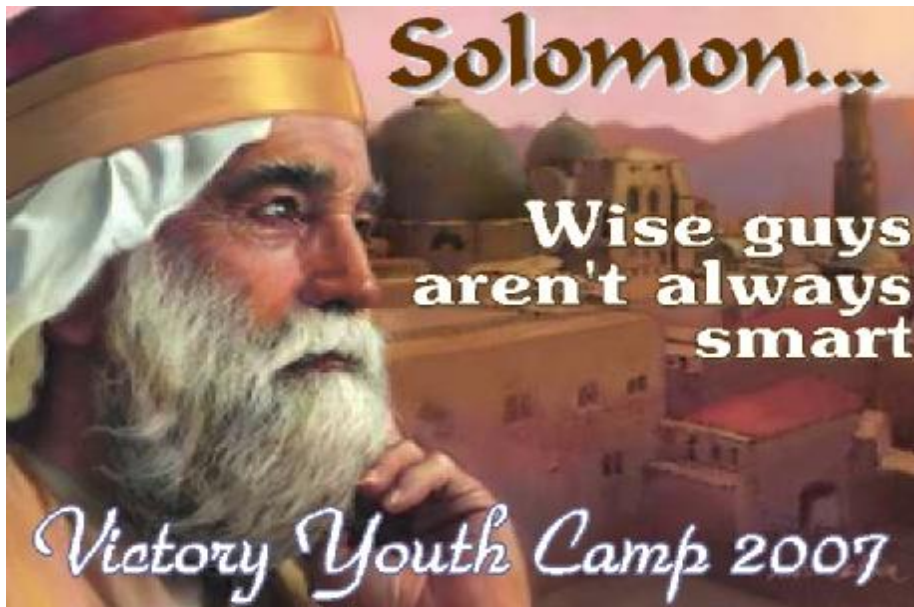


Youth Camp 2007

Bandon Faith Mission Camp
2nd thru 7th July, 2007



Counsellor's Name

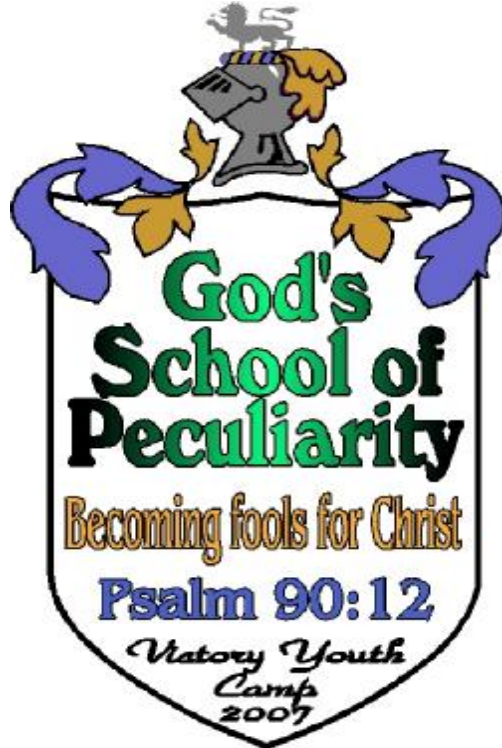


**A Ministry of
Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig**

Post: 29 Westcourt Heights
Ballincollig, Cork
(021) 4875142

Pastor Craig Ledbetter
www.biblebc.com

Welcome to...



A most peculiar school!

You are now entering a place that will make you a “fool for Christ.” The world, your friends, and even your family may be surprised at the changes that the Lord Jesus will begin in your heart and life this week! Many will think the things we learn and do this week as Christians are foolish – but that is ok, because Jesus has always seemed just a bit different than this world.

So, as you learn about a man named Solomon, learn not just from his wisdom, but also from his mistakes, and you will truly become wiser than Solomon, and even smarter than all your friends put together, all because you decide to do things the way Jesus did, and say things that Jesus would say, and thereby earn the highest title of, “A Fool for Christ!”

But it all begins with a desire to be wise, and not just go along with the world, but rather, follow Jesus, who is all wise, and all worthy of our lives.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Ps 90:12)

Table of Contents

Welcome to.....	2
Rules You Have to Obey While At Camp.....	4
Schedule of Events.....	5
Camp Counsellor Specific Information	8
Worker Assignments.....	9
Summary of Teaching and Preaching Assignments.....	10
Child Protection Policy Implementation	11
Sports Activities.....	12
Meals.....	14
Point System	15
The Solomon Song.....	17
The Scripture Verses to Memorize.....	18
Bible Word Dictionary – Wise Words	20
Wising Up Devotional.....	21
Timeline of the Life of Solomon.....	25
Basic Lesson Outlines	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Basic Outline – DAY BY DAY SUMMARY	26
Monday Evening Preaching Notes	27
Tuesday Study Thoughts	28
Tuesday Afternoon Preaching Notes	31
Tuesday Evening Sermon Notes.....	31
Wednesday Study Thoughts	32
Wednesday Afternoon Sermon Notes	36
Wednesday Evening Sermon Notes.....	36
Thursday Study Thoughts	37
Thursday Afternoon Sermon Notes	40
Thursday Evening Sermon Notes.....	40
Friday Study Thoughts.....	41
Friday Afternoon Sermon Notes.....	44
Friday Evening Sermon Notes.....	44
Saturday Thoughts.....	45

This is a special edition of the Victory Youth Camp Handbook that is intended just for Counsellors. It contains not only the pages and information that every Camper will read, but also other information that will help them to know what to do as leaders at camp every day, and with every event. Be sure to be very familiar with the contents of this handbook so that all leaders/counsellors/teachers/preachers are actually working together and “*singing from the same hymn-sheet*” throughout each day. Be sure to work through the Scripture Memorization, and Devotional Sheets along with your students. You will get a blessing as much as they will! God bless us this year, and may this year be the best ever!

Rules the Kids Have to Obey While At Camp

1. The Camp Director and leaders will be obeyed at all times.
2. No one is allowed to go outside of the Camp grounds without permission from the Camp Director – period!
3. Use of mobile phones will be strictly monitored. If you are using a mobile phone inappropriately, then you risk losing it, and you will lose points big time for both yourself, and your team.
4. Keep your Camper Handbook, put your name on it – don't lose it!
5. Keep your hands off other people's stuff
6. Every meal, a team will be selected to wash the dishes and clean the dining hall – do your tasks without complaining – the better the attitude, the more the points!
7. No profanity will be allowed
8. No rock music will be played at all at camp.
9. No boy and girl things going on
10. No knives – if you have one, give it to your pastor, or to the Camp Director until Camp is over and he will return it.
11. No smoking
12. No going behind the buildings, or going out through the windows

Things every Counsellor must look for, and be pro-active about:

1. Boys and girls coupling together, and sneaking off away from sight
2. The kids mis-using their mobile phones: taking inappropriate pictures, listening to rock music; phoning each other after curfew
3. The kids will try and sneak out at night, and go into other rooms to "cream them" or worse – so every Counsellor must keep their doors open to be able to listen for the kids sneaking out. If the kids do try and sneak out, every kid loses 1000 points!
4. Some of the kids will not be saved when they come, so look for ways to talk to each young person about their soul throughout the week – THAT IS YOUR MAIN FOCUS! LEAD ONE OF THE KIDS TO CHRIST THIS WEEK!
5. Anger and fights between the kids must be watched for, and instantly stopped.
6. Sit among the kids at preaching and teaching times. Don't let them all just sit amongst themselves, and you counsellors sit in the back by yourselves!
7. Befriend the other counsellors – get to know each other – you are all miracles of the grace of God, and need each other!
8. Participate in singing specials, helping the kids develop skits, etc.
9. Be the best example to the kids of what it means to be a Christian!
10. Learn the memory verses yourself along with the kids

Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
MONDAY – Focus verse: Job 32:9 – The Dumbest of the Wisest			
4:00pm		Arrive	
4:00pm	1:15min	Sports Time (Divide up into teams)	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
6:00pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Burgers and Chips</u>	
6:45pm	1:15hr	Break	<i>Clean-Up</i>
8:00pm	1.30hr	Preaching - Introducing Solomon	Craig Ledbetter
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)	
10:00pm	1hr	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
11:00pm	45min	Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies	Marshmallows
11:45pm	45min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:30am		Lights Out - Sleep	

TUESDAY – Focus verse: 2Timothy 3:15 – Finding Wisdom
How Could Such a Great King Come from Such a Messed Up Family?

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast - <u>Cereal</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – What is Wisdom?	
10:15am	45min	Kids Session – Solomon's Home Life	Ruth O'Sullivan
10.15am	45min	Teen Session – Growing Up Today	John Mahony
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12:00pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	Second Session – Turning Out Right	Jerome Pittman
2:15pm	30min	Bible Memory Quiz	
2.45pm	3hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Team Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Shepherds Pie</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	Preaching – Miracle of a Godly Life	Dan Pero
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)	
10.00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	



WEDNESDAY (Proverbs 24:5) Strong Wisdom**Being a NUT, Screwed on the Right Bolt!**

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Scrambled Eggs, Sausages</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – How to Get Wisdom	
10:15am	45min	Kids Session – Solomon's Wisdom	Lydia O'Sullivan
10:15am	45min	Teen Session – Solomon's Wisdom	Dan Pero
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Hot Dogs and Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	Session - The Strength of Wisdom	Jerome Pittman
2:45pm	3hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Team Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Curry Chicken and Rice</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	Preaching The Foolishness of the "Wise"	Layton Kelly
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

THURSDAY (Eccl 2:11) Wrong Wisdom - Where Solomon Went Wrong!

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Cereal</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – Retaining Wisdom	
10:15am	45min	Kids Session – Solomon's Stupidity	Gina Mahony
10:15am	45min	Teens The Ruin of Wrong Relationships	Mark Hill
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	Second Session – Wrong Loves	Craig Ledbetter
2:15pm	1hr	Special Girl Meeting	
3:15pm	2:30hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Bible Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Lasagne and Salad</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	Preaching – The Power of the Cross	Jerome Pittman
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

FRIDAY (Matthew 12:42) The Best Wisdom - How to Be Wiser Than Solomon!

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Scrambled Eggs, Sausages</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – Applying Wisdom	
10:15am	45min	Kids Session – The Wisdom of Jesus	Stephanie Husker
10:15am	45min	Teen Session – The Wisdom of Jesus	John Mahony
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Hot Dogs and Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	Session – What Jesus can teach this World	Mark Hill
2:15pm	30min	Bible Memory Quiz	
2:45pm	3hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Bible Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>B-B-Q Chicken and Salad</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	Preaching– The Price of Perfect Wisdom	Craig Ledbetter
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

SATURDAY – Matthew 7:24 – Staying Wise, Building on the Rock!

7:30am		Wake-Up	
8:30am	45min	Breakfast - <u>Cereal</u>	
9:15am	1.15hr	Clean-up	
10:30am		Final Meeting – Graduation!	Craig Ledbetter
11.30am		Leave to go home – Bus will be here	

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT © 2004, INC.

Schedule for: See below

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	11 Anniversary	1 Anniversary 2
4 Anniversary Anniversary	5 Lunch with Susan	6 Anniversary 6
7	8 Anniversary	9

Thanks to Taha Omeri (see string 11-01) 11-07-09



Solomon's Temple

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom (Prov 4:7)
Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom (Prov 4:7)

Camp Counsellor Specific Information

Worker Assignments

Camp Leader

Pastor Craig Ledbetter

Leading the Singing

Dan Pero

Scripture Memorization Leader

John Mahony

Special Music Leaders

Dan Pero

John Mahony

Team Leaders

Team 1 – John Mahony & Lydia O’Sullivan

Team 2 – Mark Hill & Ruth O’Sullivan

Team 3 – Jerome Pittman & Gina Mahony

Team 4 – Dan Pero & Sunette van Zyl

Activity and Sports Coordinators

John Mahony

Barry Keating

Mark Hill

Record Keepers – Create Record Books

Sunette van Zyl – Main Recorder

Gina Mahony – Laptop operator

Delight Prescott - helper

Food Preparation – Ask for Volunteers to help these

Sharon Pero is in Charge

Nita Ledbetter

Sunette van Zyl

Beth Canavan

Child Protection Officer

Sharon Pero

Craft Workers

Basically every woman that can help will be needed to help with the crafts

Children’s Teachers – Lydia O’Sullivan is in charge of coordinating all teachers

Ruth O’Sullivan

Gina Mahony

Lydia O’Sullivan

Stephanie Husker

Teen Teachers

Dan Pero

Mark Hill

Jerome Pittman

John Mahony

Preachers

Craig Ledbetter

Jerome Pittman

Dan Pero

Mark Hill

Layton Kelly – one night only

Available Workers

Craig Ledbetter

Dan Pero

Jerome Pittman

John A Mahony

Mark Hill

Kevin O’Keeffe – Part time

Barry Keating

Ruth O’Sullivan

Lydia O’Sullivan

Gina Mahony

Nita Ledbetter

Beth Canavan

Jenifer Hill

Sharon Pero

Sunette van Zyl

Stephanie Husker (21)

Delight Prescott

Summary of Teaching and Preaching Assignments

Craig Ledbetter – Camp Director

Monday Evening Message – **The Incredible Mr. Solomon**
Thursday Afternoon Preaching – **Deceived by Wrong Devotions**
Friday Evening Message – **The Price of Perfect Wisdom**
Saturday Morning Message – **Graduation Day**

Jerome Pittman

Tuesday Afternoon Preaching – **Turning Out Right in a Wrong World**
Wednesday Afternoon Preaching – **The Strength of a Wise Man**
Thursday Evening Message – **The Power of the Cross!**

Dan Pero – Music Director

Tuesday Evening Message – **The Miracle of a Godly Life**
Wednesday Morning Lesson – **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom**

John Mahony – Sports and Activity Director

Tuesday Morning Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy**
Friday Morning Teen's Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus**

Mark Hill

Thursday Morning Teen's Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity**
Friday Afternoon Preaching – **What Jesus Can Teach this World**

Layton Kelly

Wednesday Evening Message – **The Foolishness of the "Wise"**

Ruth O'Sullivan

Tuesday Morning Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life**

Lydia O'Sullivan – Teacher Coordinator

Wednesday Morning Children's Lesson – **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom**

Gina Mahony

Thursday Morning Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity**

Stephanie Husker – Official Record Keeper

Friday Morning Children's Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus**

Child Protection Policy Implementation

There are four basic documents that deal with Child Protection issues while they are in our care (these documents are all online on the church website):

- The Bible Baptist Church Child Protection Policy - online
- Youth Worker Policy Document - online
- Application to be a Youth Worker - online
- Self Declaration Form - online

What is a Child Protection Policy?

Our church has implemented a policy that protects the children that are in our care from abuse by either other children, or by adults. This policy applies to Church Meetings, Activities and any event that is Church-sponsored.

Why is it important?

We live in an age when people are extremely concerned about how their children are protected, so we have a firm commitment to being constantly aware of what actions can be constitute abuse, and have taken steps to make sure those things do not take place, especially at a Youth Camp. An abuse event could shut down the camp, and bring about a devastating law-suit against our church.

Designated CPP officer

The Camp will have a designated Child Protection Officer who may delegate other Officers to help supervise events and make sure the children are adequately protected.

Basic implementation – there will be no tolerance

Every Camp worker must sign the Application form, and the Self-Declaration form, and have it sent to the Camp Director. During the Camp, all the workers will meet regularly and talk about abuse issues, and be made very aware of the abuse conditions that must be avoided at all times.

If there is a suspected abuse situation, there will be an immediate meeting with the designated Child Protection Officer, the Camp Director, and others at the discretion of the Camp Director. The meeting will be for the purpose of determining the facts of the suspected event. If the facts are beyond reasonable doubt, the offending Worker will be reported to the Garda.

The Child Protection Officer for this Camp is Sharon Pero

Teaching Personal Devotions

How to Teach your kids to Start their Day with God!

You have two tools that will help you help your students develop a love for walking with God and leaning on Him daily: the Bible, and the Wising Up Devotional sheets that have been included in the Student Handbook.

The older kids who can read and write should have no problem being guided through the steps they need to take every morning as described on each devotional page.

Younger children, who cannot read, or write will need you to sit them down around you, and you will read through a chapter in proverbs, and ask the children to stop you when you have spoken something keenly interesting to them. Let them tell you why that verse was interesting to them. Ask them what certain, key words mean, and help them define those words. See if they can reword the verse and say it back to you. Ask them the questions that are on the devotional page, and try and draw out of each child their answers. Then ask them for people that they know of who need prayer and why, and then pray with them for those people. Then ask them about any personal requests they might have, and pray together with them for those requests.

Finally, ask them what are they very thankful for this morning! And then have them join with you in thanking God for those things!

For the older children, take them through each step of the devotional, and actually go through it with them together as a group. The remaining three days, you should just explain what they need to do, and then let them do it on their own. You should just spend the time making sure they are actually doing the devotion, and helping them when they don't understand something.

Every child needs to participate – no one should be doing anything else when devotions are going on.

If the children want a month's supply of the Devotionals all in one bound booklet, they can purchase them from Pastor Ledbetter who will have some on hand for them to buy and take home with them.



Sports Activities

Activities Director is John Mahony

DAY	SHORT ACTIVITIES	LONG ACTIVITIES
Monday	Circle Tag Tug-o-War	Big Ball Soccer
Tuesday		Tug-o-war Body Jump Relay Tackle Kickball Dodgeball (Normal, David & Goliath, Doctor) Bulldog
Wednesday		Hike to the River Back to Back Balloon Toss Obstacle Course Water Fight
Thursday	Indoor Scavenger hunt	Cats in the Corner Beach
Friday		War Flags

- | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Hiking | Dodge-ball | Ping-Pong Tournament |
| Building the Bonfire | Foot Races | Poop Deck |
| Bible Quiz - 2 Teams | Football Frisbee | Prayer time |
| Baseball | Frisbee Golf | Round Robin Tennis |
| Basketball | Hide and Go Seek | Rounders |
| Badminton | Hike | Soccer |
| Beach | Kickball | Tennis |
| Big Ball Soccer | Memorising Scripture | Treasure Hunt |
| Blanket Name Game | and Quiz | Tug-of-War |
| Bonfires | Name Race with | Volley ball |
| Capture The Flags | Blanket Drop | Water Balloon Toss |
| Charades act out | Passing Out Tracts in | Water relays |
| something Biblical | Bandon | |
| Crack-the-6-pack | Pool Tournament | |

Meals**MONDAY**

Dinner Spaghetti, Green Beans
 Dessert Apple Tarts and Ice Cream

TUESDAY

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge
 Lunch Sandwiches, Crisps, Beans
 Treat Ice Pops
 Dinner Burgers, Chips
 Dessert Apple Tarts and Ice Cream

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Juice, Toast, Porridge
 Lunch Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Crisps, Beans
 Treat Ice Pops
 Dinner Curry Chicken, and Rice
 Dessert Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge
 Lunch Sandwiches, Crisps
 Treat Cheese/Peanut Butter and Crackers
 Dinner Lasagna, salad and Garlic Bread
 Dessert Ice Cream

FRIDAY

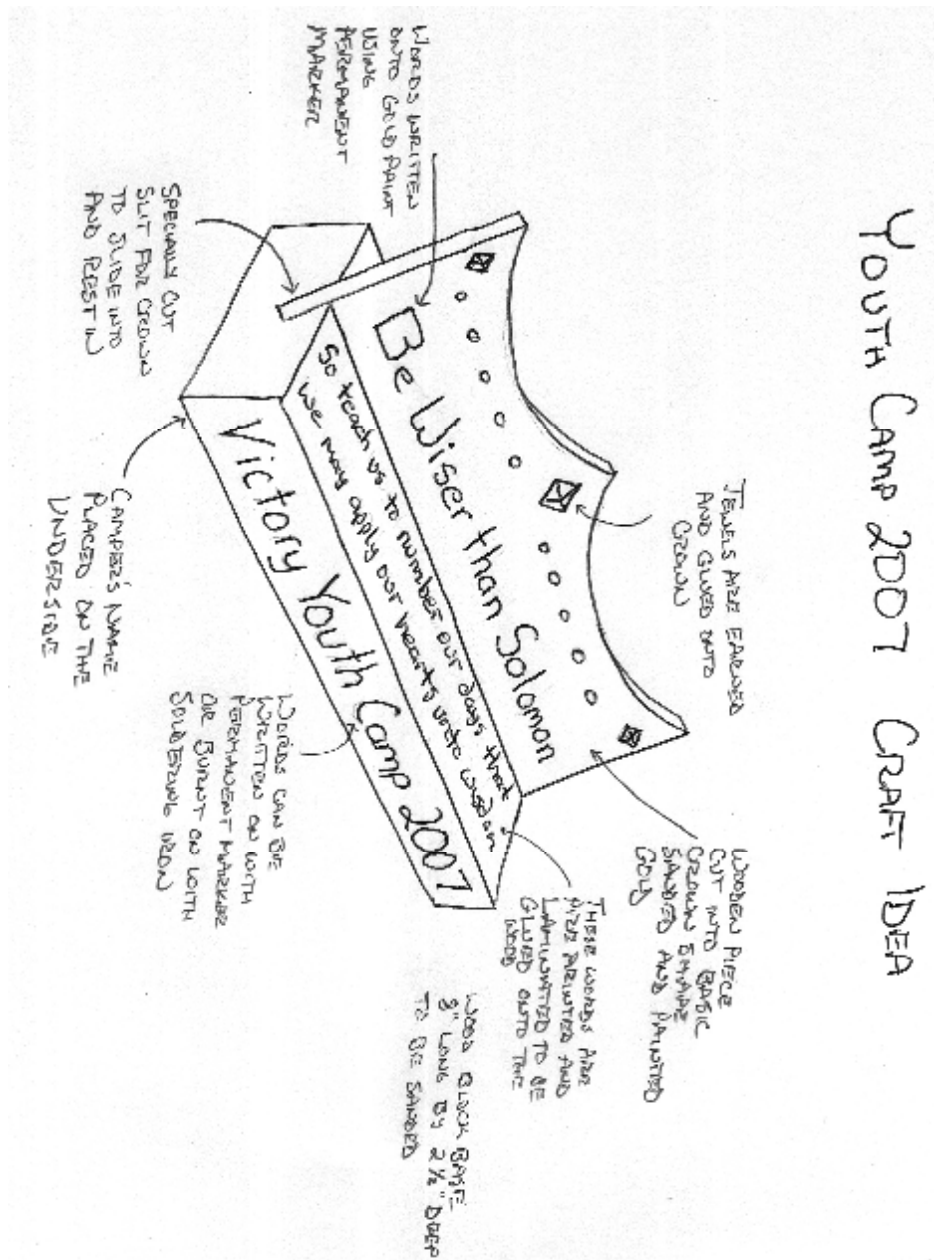
Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Toast, Porridge
 Lunch Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Crisps, Beans
 Treat Ice Pops
 Dinner B-B-Q Chicken, Salad and Corn
 Dessert Ice Cream Floats

SATURDAY

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge

Craft Design

Craft Design and Needs



Point System

Getting Points

- Every Scripture verse you memorize, you get 100 points!
- If you memorize all the 5 key verses you get 100 extra points!
- If you memorize ALL the verses, you will get 1000 extra points!
- Every Good or Bad Habit presented is worth 500 points for your team
- The first full team present and seated for Chapel gets 100 points!
- The best Team Cheer, or Skit for the day gets 1,000 points for that team!
- For every special song a person sings in a group, or as a solo, that person gets their team 1000 points!
- Every time your team wins a sports activity, your whole team gets 1000 points! Some sports activities will not be point-based.
- Clean Bunks will result in 100 points being given to the person
- A completed Bible Word Dictionary will result in 1000 points for that person.
- The Team with the most points from the previous day will get their dinner served to them at Dinner Time by the other teams!

Losing Points – unless stated, breaking any of these rules has a limit of three warnings

- Every time someone on your team has a bad attitude, breaks a rule, or gets into a fight, the whole team loses 1000 points. If the person continues with their bad attitude more than three times, then the entire team will lose 1,000 points
- Every bed must be made and every room cleaned before breakfast – or else each person who leaves a messy bunk will lose 100 points.
- Arguing with a camp leader/counsellor will cost you 500 points. Three bad encounters will result in the entire team losing 10,000 points.
- All mobile phones must be off during Chapel times. Phones are for emergency uses only. Anybody caught phoning other campers unless asked by a Leader to do so, will lose 1,000 points, and get a warning.
- No one ever goes out of the camp unless they are given permission by Pastor Ledbetter. If you leave camp grounds without permission, you will be sent home.
- No boy is ever allowed in a girl's chalet, and no girl is ever allowed in a boy's chalet. If you disobey this rule, you may be sent home.
- No one is allowed to mess with the windows in the Chalets, or with the thermostats.
- Everyone must obey their team leader and the camp counsellors at all times.
- Anyone caught doing intentional damage to the camp will have to pay for it, and may be sent home
- Anyone going out of their chalet after curfew, or before 6am **will be sent home.**
- Anyone with more than three warnings will be sent home.
- Anyone caught messing with the fire alarms will be sent home!!!!

The Solomon Song

Young Solomon, he had a time, he thought his life was tough
 Even though he was the son of a king, it never was enough
 His daddy tried to do his best, to help him become a man
 But the wisdom that he needed comes, only from God's hand!



Chorus

*God's wisdom... it's different... it made the world we see
 To most it's only foolishness, but to-the-saved, it is the key!
 This world is filled with guys "so-wise", but they're dumber than a rock!
 So to this world I'll be a fool, and with Jesus I will walk.*

Second Verse

At the tender age, of eighteen years, Solomon knelt to pray
 He blessed the Lord, of heaven and earth, and asked some-thing that day
 For help to be a good king, a servant on the throne.
 So God greatly blessed him that day, the wisest ever known!



Third Verse

But Solomon, he couldn't hold back, he couldn't keep from sin
 He had to have, so many wives, he had to have every-thing
 But with each choice he fell away, fell further from the Lord
 Till what was left was vanity -- the wisdom of this world!

Fourth Verse

At the end of his life, old Solomon, he finally came around
 He finally saw, that God's wisdom, is more than just profound
 It's walking with God, obeying Him, asking Him what to do
 And in the end, deciding that, God's way is tried and true!

Tag

So to this world I'll be a fool, and with (ascending slowly) Je-sus I will walk.

 A Fool for Christ
 A Fool for Christ

The Scripture Verses to Memorize

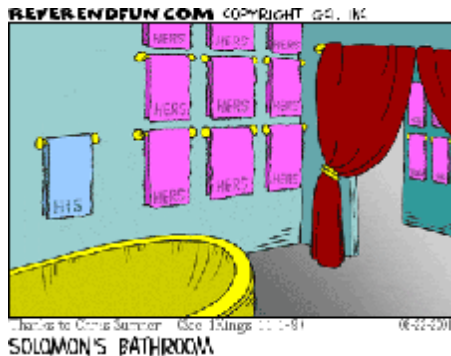
Monday INTRODUCING	Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.	1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
	Job 32:9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.	
Tuesday RIGHT START	2Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.	Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
	Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.	Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
Wednesday STRENGTH OF WISDOM	Proverbs 24:5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.	Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding
	Psalms 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.	Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
	James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.	
Thursday SOLOMON'S FAILURE	Ecclesiastes 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.	Ecclesiastes 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.
	1Corinthians 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.	1Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Friday WISER THAN SOLOMON	Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.	Matthew 12:42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.
	Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:.	Ecclesiastes 7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.
Saturday GRADS	Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock	Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

How to memorize God's Word...

Memorize each verse using the following pattern:

- Read the verse *out-loud* no less than **5** times, every time you get a chance – while waiting in line for dinner, or while combing or brushing your hair, or while getting ready for bed
- Make sure you set out to memorize the word of God, word-perfect (don't leave out any words)
- Have someone check you before you attempt to quote it to a Record Keeper
- After you have memorized a verse, make sure that you go back and review each previous verse you already memorized because someone may test you on your memory and if not satisfactory, you may lose points!
- You will be surprised how much you can remember if you will just TRY.



Bible Word Dictionary – Wise Words

Do these on your own time and be ready to discuss these definitions during Devotion Time

OUR GOALS	Hearts (Psalm 90:12) _____
	Judgment (Job 32:9) _____
	Chosen Generation (1Peter 2:9) _____
	Holy nation (1Peter 2:9) _____
RIGHT START	Peculiar people (1Peter 2:9) _____
	Salvation (2Timothy 3:15) _____
	Faith (2Timothy 3:15) _____
	Fear of the Lord (Prov 1:7) _____
STRENGTH OF WISDOM	A Just man (Eccl 7:20) _____
	A wise man (Prov 24:5) _____
	Strong (Prov 24:5) _____
	Understanding (Job 28:28) _____
	Depart from evil (Job 28:28) _____
	Commandments (Ps 119:98) _____
	Converting (Ps 19:7) _____
	The simple (Ps 19:7) _____
FAILURE	Liberally (James 1:7) _____
	Upbraideth not (James 1:7) _____
	Vanity (Eccl 2:11) _____
	Vexation (Eccl 2:11) _____
	Profit (Eccl 2:11) _____
	Fool (1Cor 3:18) _____
WISER	Craftiness (1Cor 3:19) _____
	Companion (Prov 13:20) _____
	Mind (Philp 2:5) _____
	Rebuke (Eccl 7:5) _____
	Duty (Eccl 12:13) _____

Wising Up Devotional

A Personal Way to Love God - Tuesday



<p>Preparation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start in one book in the Bible – i.e., the Book of Proverbs – commit to reading it through 1 chapter a day until it is finished. 2. Start in chapter one, and with the first verse. 3. Read that chapter until you find a verse that really jumps out at you. 4. If after reading the chapter, no one verse was interesting, then start again, and take closer notice – something will speak to your heart because you are reading God's words that were written to you! 	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>Chapter: _____</p>
--	--

Pondering: What scripture has your attention? Write out the location of the verse, and then write-out the entire verse below: _____

Underline two key words or phrases in the above verse that may help you understand what it is saying, and look up what they mean if you don't know

1. _____
2. _____

Rewrite the verse now in your own words...

List at least one thing that the verse is saying you need to do:

What will make it hard for you to obey that verse? _____

Prayer: Ask God to help you to obey the command you just learned above. Also Ask God to remove anything that may be stopping you from obeying that command.

<p>List 5 people that need God's help (like family members, people in church, unsaved friends), and pray for them by name, asking God to supply their need.</p>	<p>List your own needs now and ask God to help you</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Praise: What three things are you thankful for today? Tell God, *Thanks* for each!

Wising Up Devotional

A Personal Way to Love God - Wednesday



<p>Preparation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start in one book in the Bible – i.e., the Book of Proverbs – commit to reading it through 1 chapter a day until it is finished. 2. Start in chapter one, and with the first verse. 3. Read that chapter until you find a verse that really jumps out at you. 4. If after reading the chapter, no one verse was interesting, then start again, and take closer notice – something will speak to your heart because you are reading God's words that were written to you! 	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>Chapter: _____</p>
--	--

Pondering: What scripture has your attention? Write out the location of the verse, and then write-out the entire verse below: _____

Underline two key words or phrases in the above verse that may help you understand what it is saying, and look up what they mean if you don't know

1. _____
2. _____

Rewrite the verse now in your own words...

List at least one thing that the verse is saying you need to do:

What will make it hard for you to obey that verse? _____

Prayer: Ask God to help you to obey the command you just learned above. Also Ask God to remove anything that may be stopping you from obeying that command.

<p>List 5 people that need God's help (like family members, people in church, unsaved friends), and pray for them by name, asking God to supply their need.</p>	<p>List your own needs now and ask God to help you</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Praise: What three things are you thankful for today? Tell God, *Thanks* for each!

Wising Up Devotional

A Personal Way to Love God - Thursday



<p>Preparation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start in one book in the Bible – i.e., the Book of Proverbs – commit to reading it through 1 chapter a day until it is finished. 2. Start in chapter one, and with the first verse. 3. Read that chapter until you find a verse that really jumps out at you. 4. If after reading the chapter, no one verse was interesting, then start again, and take closer notice – something will speak to your heart because you are reading God's words that were written to you! 	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>Chapter: _____</p>
--	--

Pondering: What scripture has your attention? Write out the location of the verse, and then write-out the entire verse below: _____

Underline two key words or phrases in the above verse that may help you understand what it is saying, and look up what they mean if you don't know

1. _____
2. _____

Rewrite the verse now in your own words...

List at least one thing that the verse is saying you need to do:

What will make it hard for you to obey that verse? _____

Prayer: Ask God to help you to obey the command you just learned above. Also Ask God to remove anything that may be stopping you from obeying that command.

<p>List 5 people that need God's help (like family members, people in church, unsaved friends), and pray for them by name, asking God to supply their need.</p>	<p>List your own needs now and ask God to help you</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Praise: What three things are you thankful for today? Tell God, *Thanks* for each!

Wising Up Devotional

A Personal Way to Love God - Friday



<p>Preparation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start in one book in the Bible – i.e., the Book of Proverbs – commit to reading it through 1 chapter a day until it is finished. 2. Start in chapter one, and with the first verse. 3. Read that chapter until you find a verse that really jumps out at you. 4. If after reading the chapter, no one verse was interesting, then start again, and take closer notice – something will speak to your heart because you are reading God's words that were written to you! 	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>Chapter: _____</p>
--	--

Pondering: What scripture has your attention? Write out the location of the verse, and then write-out the entire verse below: _____

Underline two key words or phrases in the above verse that may help you understand what it is saying, and look up what they mean if you don't know

1. _____
2. _____

Rewrite the verse now in your own words...

List at least one thing that the verse is saying you need to do:

What will make it hard for you to obey that verse? _____

Prayer: Ask God to help you to obey the command you just learned above. Also Ask God to remove anything that may be stopping you from obeying that command.

<p>List 5 people that need God's help (like family members, people in church, unsaved friends), and pray for them by name, asking God to supply their need.</p>	<p>List your own needs now and ask God to help you</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Praise: What three things are you thankful for today? Tell God, *Thanks* for each!

Timeline of the Life of Solomon



995 BC (*years Before the birth of Christ*)

David sins with Bathsheba, and then has her husband Uriah the Hittite murdered. David repents and writes Psalm 51.

986 BC

Solomon is born, the son of king David and Bathsheba – God had forgiven David. Solomon was greatly loved by God (2Sam 12:24).

978 BC

Serious family problems occur in king David's home, resulting in his son Absalom murdering his other son Amnon in revenge, and then attempting to take over the kingdom. Absalom dies in battle, and David regains the kingdom again.

970 BC

King David dies at the age of 70. He reigned over Israel for 40 years. His son Solomon reigns in his place. (1 Kin 2:10-12)

Solomon starts off humble, and right with God. He prays for God to help him rule well over Israel, and God blesses him with so much wisdom, as well as riches, honour and protection from his enemies.

Solomon proves his wisdom by proving who was the actual mother of a baby.

Solomon sets out to build the Temple that his father, king David had wanted to build.

966 - 959 BC

The First Temple is Built. The house of the Lord is finished. It took King Solomon 7 years to finish it. Then he started building his own palace. (1 Kin 6:2, 37-38)

Sometime in his early reign King Solomon married an Egyptian Princess, daughter of Pharaoh, and he built her a private house. (1 Kin 7:8)

During this time, Solomon writes the Song of Solomon

946 BC

King Solomon finished building his own palace. It took only 7 years to complete the house of God, but he took 13 years to finish his palace. (1 Kin 6:38; 7:1)

During this time, Solomon writes the Book of Proverbs.

Solomon is so well known all over the world that people like the Queen of Sheba came from a 1,000 miles away to meet him and hear his answers to her questions.

After Solomon starts to see just how wise his wisdom was, he starts to explore every kind of wisdom, and starts dabbling in every thing he can experience – he marries 700 women, and has 300 girlfriends (concubines); he builds massive houses and fortresses; he owns land from Egypt to Babylon. But he only got bored, and started worshipping the pagan and heathen gods of the nations around Israel. He turned away from the God of heaven, and forgot who blessed him.

Towards the end of his life, Solomon finally sees that most of his life was wasted – everything he attempted had turned into vanity. He was a sad, bitter man, and he decides to write the book of Ecclesiastes to warn his son away from such stupidity.

930 BC

King Solomon died. He reigned over Israel for 40 years. His son Rehoboam reigned in his place. (1 Kin 11:42). After this, the kingdom splits, and things go downhill for the next 1,000 years.

1 AD (*Year of our Lord*) **A greater than Solomon was born... Jesus!** (Matthew 12:42)

Basic Outline – DAY BY DAY SUMMARY

Monday – a short day so not much to cover today, just a brief beginning and overview of the subjects we will be learning

Evening Message **Introducing the Dumbest of the Wisest** (Job 32:9) - **Craig Ledbetter**

Tuesday - Finding Wisdom – The Search for RIGHT Wisdom - Learning about Solomon's Home-life (2Timothy 3:15) - a dysfunctional family to say the least. How does a guy turn out right with so much wrong around him and against him?

Solomon's Home Life – Finding Wisdom in spite of Circumstances - 2Tim 3:15

Summary – Solomon grows up in a very problematic home, and yet becomes great and wise. How that happened

- A. Morning Devotion – **What is Wisdom?**
 - B. Morning Lesson
 - 1. Young Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life** – **Ruth O'Sullivan**
 - 2. Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy** – **John Mahony**
 - C. Afternoon Preaching – **Turning Out Right in a Wrong World** – **Jerome Pittman**
 - D. Evening Message – **The Miracle of a Godly Life** – **Dan Pero**
-

Wednesday – The Strength of Wisdom – The Strength of a Wise Heart - There is Greatness, and Power in Humility when we are Wise

The Strength of a Wise Heart – Proverbs 24:5

Summary – Look at God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom – Contrasting God's Wisdom (which is strong and powerful) with this World's Wisdom (Stronger)

- A. Morning Devotion – **How to Get Wisdom**
 - B. Morning Lesson **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom** **Lydia O'Sullivan/Dan Pero**
 - C. Afternoon Preaching – **The Strength of a Wise Man** – **Jerome Pittman**
 - D. Evening Message – **The Foolishness of the "Wise"** – **Layton Kelly**
-

Thursday – Retaining Wisdom, when our Wants are Towards the World! Studying where Solomon went wrong. Looking at Solomon's Relationships – Study God's view of marriage, commitment, how the world says we should "playing the field" so to say, etc. What are the things Solomon started to do that removed God's hand from him.

The Failures of This World's Wisdom – Ecclesiastes 2:11

Summary – Where Solomon Went Wrong

- A. Devotion – **Retaining Wisdom** when the world offers things that seem "better"
 - B. Morning Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity** – **Gina Mahony & Mark Hill**
 - C. Afternoon Preaching – **Deceived by Wrong Devotions** – **Craig Ledbetter**
 - D. Evening Message – **The Power of the Cross!** – **Jerome Pittman**
-

Friday - How to be Wiser than Solomon – Matthew 12:42

Summary – Why every Christian should follow the life of Jesus Christ instead of Solomon

- A. Morning Devotion – **Applying Wisdom** – How to Walk the Talk
 - B. Morning Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus** – **Stephanie Husker & John Mahony**
 - C. Afternoon Preaching – **What Jesus Can Teach this World** – **Mark Hill**
 - D. Evening Message – **The Price of Perfect Wisdom!** – **Craig Ledbetter**
-

Saturday – Graduation Day - Mt 7:24 **Keeping Our Promises** – a review of what God has done this week in our lives, and a Graduation Ceremony from "God's School of Peculiarity"

Monday Evening Preaching Notes

Introducing the Incredibly Dumb, Mr. Solomon!

Craig Ledbetter



Tuesday Study Thoughts**Solomon's Home Life**

The Search for Good Wisdom

Finding Wisdom in spite of circumstances!

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: **2 Tim 3:15**
- B. Theme for the Day - Growing up in a Dysfunctional Home - Jesus? Timothy? (Dad unsaved)
1. Solomon's Home-life - a dysfunctional family to say the least. How does a guy turn out right with so much wrong around him and against him?
 2. Solomon becomes king, and has absolutely everything he could ever want: authority, money, possessions, yet he knew he needed something more: God's wisdom!
- C. Informational Background
1. Loved by God from birth (II Samuel 12:24 ".....she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the LORD loved him.")
 2. Made a king while young (I Kings 3:7 "I am but a little child").
 3. Loved the Lord I Kings 3:3 "And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places."
 4. Respectful to his mother (II Samuel 2:19 "...rose up to meet her.....bowed himself unto her, caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand".)
 5. His warnings in Proverbs – "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother": for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck". (Prov. 1:8+9).
 6. Solomon was around the ages of 10 years old when his brother Absalom tried to take over the kingdom and probably knew about the death of Amnon and the defilement of Tamar
 7. Don't count on your parents to make you a great Christian - they will fail you. You need a wisdom from above that will make you great
 8. Dysfunctional homes are still homes, and they are where God will change you and mould you - Jesus' home-life wasn't plain sailing
 9. You need to have your own relationship with God and not relying on your parents' relationship with God. - Car Petrol Illustration
 10. King David was not a man who disciplined his children. He did nothing when all the events among his children took place. - Eli Judged for his sons
 11. Solomon was not the eldest son, but grew up in a home with many siblings. An older brother even tried to usurp the throne from him.
 12. Solomon's home was the best place that God had Solomon to learn what was wise - same goes for all children!

D. **Morning Devotional**

1. Wise Words Workbook - Learning Wise Words - How to Learn from the Book of Proverbs – this will be part of their Handbook – use the RU Devotional Book for a template
2. Every camper will have a short devotional booklet included in their Handbook. There will be a page explaining how to do the devotional.
3. Main Theme for Today's Devotional- **What is Wisdom?**
 - a) Prov. 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is wisdom's drive or pull in your life
 - b) To depart from evil is wisdom – as with young Joseph – is wisdom's way
 - c) To listen to rebuke, and correction is wisdom's classroom
 - d) To stay humble is wisdom's foundation
 - e) To ...
4. Learning Truths from Proverbs, How to learn in general so as to extract truth
5. Learning verse by verse, and subject by subject - what does the book of Proverbs say about: the mouth, money, rebellion, etc

E. **Morning Lesson Teaching Ideas**

1. this is a split teaching time with the younger kids being taught the same thing as the older kids, but the older kids are being taught much more pointedly about issues facing them as teenagers! This is a lesson that requires Visuals, audience interaction, and can be taught like a Sunday School lesson. The purpose of this teaching time is to lay the foundation for the rest of the day's preaching. This is the background information that the kids will need to be able to hear and apply the preaching to follow later in the day. The teen teachers can preach if they think it is needed, but they will need to teach and inform the kids of the Biblical facts of what happened in a specific area of Solomon's life.
2. Solomon's background - his parents, their problems, his brothers and sisters (as described above)
3. What would it be like to be "Raised in a king's home?" – it didn't guarantee him being a good kid – don't think if your life was so different it would make much of any difference. The goal of the lesson is to show the kids just what it is like growing up today, and that there are incredible obstacles to growing up the right way, but grow up we must, and growing up as Christians is possible. Show how various people grew up in some bad home and life situations, and with God's help, and a humble heart, God made them great! Show how to grow up and be godly young men and women, and not putting off being adults!
4. Teaching Lesson Titles
 - a) Young Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life**
 - b) Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy**

- F. **Afternoon Preaching Session Idea - Turning Out RIGHT in a Wrong World** Requires You Becoming a Right Fool for Christ!
1. The theme simply is, The greatness of Godliness, even though almost everybody thinks it is worthless!
 2. What does it mean to be a Good Kid?
 3. The world mocks at goodness, and purity – the beauty of purity and a clean heart and a clean conscience! How much better godly living is and more fun it is that the world's "fun."
 4. The world makes so much fun of sex, and rebellion, saying it's "cool". Why does the world respect this kind of mockery so much? Expose the results of such a lifestyle like the Hollywood and music stars have – empty, depressed, broken, and dead!
 5. Some people think to be good means that you can't have fun, or doing anything wrong - lie of the Devil, he makes promises he can't deliver
 6. God says we all do wrong - the key is in learning from our sins, hearing rebuke, obeying our parents - getting right, and staying right - Pro. 24:16
 7. Be strong, be adventurous, be visionary, enjoy life - but do it all "by the Book" – God's Book! "Think INSIDE the Book!" It is like running in a race. No one wins who doesn't follow the rules! Period!
 8. Sermon Title - **Turning Out RIGHT in a Wrong World**
- G. **Evening message** The Miracle of Godliness! The Miracle of a Godly Life
1. To turn out Godly is not natural, or easy – it is a work of God – a miracle!
 2. To let your life just fall apart naturally is a waste, and stupid.
 3. If you want to be what God designed you to be, this is how to be transformed...
 4. This camp is all about making fools of everyone. Becoming A Fool for Christ - to be a truly wise Christian means being weird in the eyes of the world – peculiar (1Pet 2:9)
 5. Solomon was great because he was godly!
 6. The Power of a Godly Life. God blesses and honours godliness - FAR more than sin and the devil ever could, but it occurs only by humility and being WISE (behaving wisely) instead of cocky and arrogant
 - a) It takes a miracle of salvation
 - b) It takes the miracle of conversion – more than just being saved from hell, but every part of your life being saved from the devil, and from sin!
 - c) It takes the miracle of change – we need to allow ourselves to be changed
 - d) It takes the miracle of God in your life – not just a desire, but God being IN your thoughts, heart, and will!
 - e) Begins with yielding – allowing God to rule – humility is awesome!

Tuesday Afternoon Preaching Notes

Turning Out Right in a Wrong World

Jerome Pittman

Tuesday Evening Sermon Notes

The Miracle of a Godly Life

Dan Pero



Wednesday Study Thoughts

The Strength of a Wise Heart

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: **Proverbs 24:5**; 7:19 (Contrast with Guinness advert, *Guinness for Strength*) – use graphic of this and other advert
- B. Theme for the Day. What is wisdom, how did Solomon get it? List people who were attracted to God because of it, etc. A truly wise man is someone who is a Nut Screwed onto the Right Bolt
- C. Define: Just What is Wisdom? Contrasting God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom
- D. Wise Counsel - where can you go to get wisdom? Your parents of all people, your church every Sunday, and your Bible!!! Reject the foolish counsel of your friends (Rehoboam) - they don't know much at all! Wisdom is also learned in the closet of prayer, yielded to God when the world is pressing against you and trying you!
- E. **Morning Devotion**
1. Wise Words Workbook - A lesson in how to learn from the Book of Proverbs - what's in the Book of Proverbs? Lessons on life!
 2. Devotional Title: **How to get Wisdom**. Prov 2:4 – God will give you all you want, but he won't give you more than you want!
 3. It comes only from God
 - a) Through your parents – let them teach you right and wrong (Ex 20; Eph 6:1,2)
 - b) Through your experiences – trial and error – but God is behind the pressures of your life
 - c) Through your obedience to the word of God – there is no wisdom given to rebels – they are counted as fools
 - d) Through your choice – can't be forced to be wise – you have to desire, yearn for it, hunger for it, and cling to it – buy it and sell it not!
- F. **Morning Lesson Ideas**
1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
 - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
 - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
 2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
 3. **God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom** – Learning How to Desire the wisdom from above, and reject our own personal wisdom which is only pride (Pr 16:25)
 4. GRAPHIC of GOD'S Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom
 5. Remind the kids of this truth – that God, BY WISDOM, made the entire universe (Pr 3:19) – atom by atom! Very well made, don't you think?

6. The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom – Just How Great WAS This Guy? Just how Smart was he?
 - a) Teach on the Queen of Sheba and the way Solomon identified the mother of the unknown baby
 - b) Discuss and teach how to identify worldly wisdom around us (on TV, talk shows, magazines especially women's magazines, on the internet, among friends): Worldly wisdom has a quick pay-off to it, a false sense of power, a selfish fulfilment
 - c) The real pay-off is always with God's wisdom – the view from above!
 - 1) People make decisions and choices based on what they can see and figure out
 - 2) But what if you could fly, and get higher and see the bigger picture? (Example of an army general thinking he is only fighting a few hundred men, but then hears from a helicopter that there are 50,000 more men hiding just beyond a mountain – he would change his tactics)
 - 3) God offers us HIS view on our situations – THAT'S wisdom from above!!!
 - d) Solomon was smart enough to write (with God's help):
 - 1) Proverbs
 - 2) Song of Solomon
 - 3) Ecclesiastes
 - 4) 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs.
 - 5) He learned about... and taught about...
 - a) Trees
 - b) Animals
 - c) This is a complete system of natural history, as far as relates to the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and the first description that we have of any thing of the kind since Adam named and classified all the animals in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1. Solomon was probably the first natural historian in the world.
 - d) This all describes the generation and corruption of life, of nutrition and how to grow, of vegetation, production, ailments, tribes, classes, families, and habits
 - e) The scientific names for these studies are called: botany, zoology, ornithology, entomology, and ichthyology.
 - f) But all these works of Solomon are all and for ever lost! God cared not to preserve the learning of Solomon when it came to trees and animals – only the learning about sin, righteousness and coming judgment!
 - 6) He was wiser than any man who has ever lived... except for One!
 - e) Explain How anyone, no matter how young or old, no matter how hard or stubborn can Become truly Wise (Ps 19:7; 2Tim 3:15; Eccl 7:5)

7. A Sample Outline
 - a) God's Offer (I Kings 3: 5 ".....Ask what I shall give thee.")
 - b) Solomon's choice of Wisdom (I Kings 3:6-9; V.9 "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge they people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this so great a people".)
 - c) God is pleased (I Kings 3:10).
 - d) Solomon's Wisdom, Riches & Honour (I Kings 3:11-14).
 - e) Solomon's Reputation (I Kings 3:29-34; V.34: "And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.")
 - f) Solomon demonstrates his wisdom
 - 1) 2 women, one son (I Kings 3:16-27; V.28 " And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for thy saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.")
 - 2) Answers Queen of Sheba (I Kings 10:1-13)
 - g) Solomon's Advice re. Wisdom ("Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" Prov. 4:7 and Prov. 2:1-5)

G. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas

1. The Strength of a Wise Man is found First in His Wisdom – that it is not self conceited, nor this world's kind of wisdom
 - a) Strength of Mind
 - b) Strength of Body – healthier (Prov 3:5-8)
 - c) Strength of Life Itself – long living
 - d) Strength of Heart – not always giving up, or discouraged
2. Identifying Better Things (Eccl 7:1-10) – knowing what is the wisest and best for your life!
 - a) It is better to have a good name
 - b) Brokenness for sin and failures
 - c) Getting Sorrow over with – not ignoring its work in your life
 - d) Hearing rebuke
 - e) The end of a task
 - f) Restraint from anger
 - g) Enjoying today more than the past
3. The goal is to know what God says is better to focus on, instead of what this world focuses on

H. Evening Preaching Session Ideas

1. **The Foolishness of the "Wise"**
2. This message is a keynote that is intended to show just how FOOLISH our friends and peers are when they try and get us to go against God, and "do our own thing" which is really the devil's thing,

and will destroy us!

3. Plenty of examples, personal and otherwise need to be given that will let the kids know where this world is headed, and how they are dragging young people down with it.
4. Show the ugly side of sin!
5. Show that the wisdom of this world is so stupid, and introduce the idea that God MIGHT just be smarter than all of us, and all of our friends!
6. Make it possible for the kids to repent of their rebellion and bad attitudes – show them they are just helping out the enemy who does not care about them or their future!
7. Show how Christians are not immune to stupidity! And that MANY Christians are in bondage to addictions that they will carry the scars of for the rest of their lives, and wish they could be free from
8. Explain it is better to keep something clean than to have to clean it up afterwards
9. But also show them that their lives can be cleaned up, but they better not wait to long!

Wednesday Afternoon Sermon Notes

The Strength of a Wise Man

Jerome Pittman



Wednesday Evening Sermon Notes

The Foolishness of the “Wise”

Layton Kelly

Thursday Study Thoughts

Where Solomon Went Wrong

- A. Main Scripture for the day: **Eccl 2:11**
- B. Today we are look at Solomon's Downfall - The things Solomon started to do that removed God's hand from him and his future united kingdom.
- C. We want to explore **Solomon's Search for Life** - he tried absolutely everything to see what it felt, tasted, and sounded like, and found out that there is no life in the things of this world! They are only things! Even PEOPLE and relationships are unstable and tenuous and fragile.
- D. We also want to explore the failures of this world's wisdom:
 - 1. Failed homes, families, marriages m- built upon the sand of this world's philosophies
 - 2. Failed goals – everyone has dreams, but so few see them through
 - 3. Failed health – so many sick today, with all the best doctors and medicines, stress and SIN is killing everyone!
- E. Some thoughts to develop through the day:
 - 1. Worldly Pleasures Lead to a life of Pain and Heartache
 - a) Solomon did every pleasure he could ever think of and only ended up miserable and life being in vane.
 - b) He wanted to know why the foolish took such pleasure in their foolishness.
 - c) Satan dangles a temporary pleasure before our eyes and tells us that its consequences aren't eternal, when in fact they are.
 - d) He wrote the book of Proverbs for his son so he would avoid the foolishness he had done and learned from, yet is son (Rehoboam) did not listen and followed in his father's footsteps and sins.
 - 2. Living for Riches is Ridiculous
 - a) Wealth does not bring happiness
 - b) The most miserable people in the world are those who are rich and wealthy
 - c) The rich generally do not fear God nor feel like they need Him in their lives.
 - d) Mark 10:17-27 - The rich man who desired to follow Jesus, but when told he had to forsake his wealth in order to follow Christ, he turned back to the world.
 - e) Luke 12:13-21 - The parable of the rich man who desired to increase his wealth and God slew him that night for the vanity of his wealth
 - f) 1 Timothy 6:9, 10 - The love of money is the root of all evil
 - 3. Wisdom is good, but it has to be God's wisdom, from above (found only in the Bible). A life that is wise, but without Jesus Christ is stupid! That's what Solomon became – STUPID!

- F. Let's also look at the Stupidity of Solomon's Relationships
1. Let's look at the concept of marriage, and how it is being abused and twisted today,
 2. look at What is commitment,
 3. explore why people "play the field" so to say,
 4. look at Solomon's children,
 5. make sure you explore and well explain God's view of marriage and sex, etc
 6. The Opposite Gender can be one of the Greatest Distractions to anyone over 14 years old (1 Cor 7:32-35)
 7. God's design in Relationships - Purity, Patience. There is a very wrong view on sex and relationships, and a right one – and it is very serious to make sure you have the RIGHT view!
 8. The Disaster of Disobedience (Solomon stopped following God and instead followed his "appetites")
 9. Despite his wisdom, Solomon had his weaknesses, and he did not obey God's commandments concerning associating with the ungodly.
- G. Unlike his father (king David), Solomon did NOT repent when warned by God concerning his sinful actions, attitudes and appetites (1Kings 11:9-10)

H. **Morning Devotional**

1. Wise Words Workbook
2. Devotional Theme - ***Retaining Wisdom***
3. How can you hold onto wisdom? It is a lot like trying to hold on to water!
4. Repetition, memory, prayer, correction. Love wisdom, fight for it, and learn to reject Satan's counterfeits to it.
5. Why work so hard at staying wise? 3:18 Because of the Rewards/Benefits that are both temporal, and eternal!

I. **Morning Lesson Ideas**

1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
 - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
 - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
3. Sample Teaching Titles/Subjects
 - a) **The Weaknesses that Weaken a Christian** – (See all the notes above)
 - b) **Solomon's Stupidity**
 - c) **The Ruin of Wrong Relationships**
4. A Sample Outline
 - a) Solomon had it all:

- 1) The Riches (I Kings 10:14-29; V. "So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom).
 - 2) The Palace (I Kings 7:1-12)
 - 3) The Women -700 wives + 300 concubines (I Kings 11:1-3)
 - 4) The Reputation (I Kings 3:29-34, I Kings 10:24 "And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart").
 - 5) The Achievements -building of temple(I Kings 5+6), palace(I Kings 7:1-12) and cities (I Kings 9:17)
 - 6) The Appearances from God – (I Kings 3:5, I Kings 9:2).
- b) What went wrong??
- 1) His wives turned away his heart
 - 2) * went after other gods (I Kings 11:4-6)
 - 3) * built high places for Chemosh, Molech and others
 - 4) His heart was not perfect towards God (I Kings 11:4)

J. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas

1. "Deceived by wrong Devotions" – Wrong Loves (Idol worship)
2. Solomon started worshipping things, and then demons
3. Worshipping anything else besides God is idolatry!
4. What do young people worship today?
 - a) Pleasure
 - b) Their friends
 - c) Themselves
 - d) Their money
 - e) These are all the things of this world (1John 2:15-17)

K. Evening Preaching Session Ideas

1. "The Power of the Cross" (1Cor 1:17-31)
2. This week you have learned:
 - a) Life without God is Vanity, Empty, a Waste, Stupid with a capital 'S'
 - b) Solomon had everything that this world could give him, and in the end, he was miserable.
 - c) Wisdom without God is foolishness and pointless.
3. There is only life found in following Jesus Christ – to get it, you will need to die to live, deny yourself, start living the crucified life, etc!
4. Preach The Gospel of Jesus dying in our place, as the perfect sacrifice! Man's stupidity thinks he can work his way up, or pull himself up by the bootstraps, live without God, or try to be a Christian only in name or half-heartedly!
5. How wise an act was the crucifixion! Rom 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Thursday Afternoon Sermon Notes

Deceived By Wrong Devotions

Craig Ledbetter

Thursday Evening Sermon Notes

The Power of the Cross

Jerome Pittman



Friday Study Thoughts

How to be Wiser than Solomon!

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: Matthew 12:42
- B. Introductory Thoughts
1. At the end of Solomon's life, no one mourned his dying, and no one missed him.
 2. He had lived most of his life only for himself, and he paid in dying alone – there were no grand funeral parades through the streets of Jerusalem. He just died, and he was buried.
 3. Solomon had started out so right, and at the end, got to be used one more time by Go0d, but he never recovered his joy, or his strength that had been in his heart as a young 18 year old.
 4. So where does that leave us in the 21st century? To whom do we look for an example, a goal of what to be like? JESUS!
 5. Why Jesus? Because He is SO much greater than Solomon:
 - a) He was GOD in the flesh – very wise!
 - b) He was self-LESS in everything He did (unlike Solomon)
 - c) He built a BIGGER Temple than Solomon – Heaven
 - d) He built a LOT of Temples – ever believer!
 - e) He saved people's souls
 - f) He cured people's heartaches
 - g) He knew the thoughts of people
 - h) He loved sinners instead of killing them like Solomon had done to Adonijah, and Joab, etc.
 - i) He allowed us sinners to crucify Him
 - j) He got up out of the grave – Solomon stayed dead!!!
- C. **Morning Devotional**
1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
 - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
 - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
 2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
 3. Wise Words Workbook - How to Learn from the Book of Proverbs - Warnings in Proverbs
 4. Devotional Theme – **Applying Wisdom**, James 1:22, 3:13 – Walk your Talk!
 - a) Acting out what you have learned is the best think to do
 - b) Obeying God's word, even when it doesn't make sense!
 - c) Using wisdom like Night Vision goggles – wisdom enables you to see what others can't see (2Pet 1:9; 2Cor 4:3,4) – see life through God's eye! He tells you what HE sees in the Bible!
- D. **Morning Lesson Ideas.**
1. **"The Wisdom of Jesus"** – God-All-Wise in the Flesh (Jude 1:25)

2. Only Jesus succeeded at being wiser than Solomon, therefore, follow Jesus! Don't waste your time following Solomon, or anyone that is trying to be like Solomon (the movie stars, the wealthiest, or strongest, or most popular) – they all end up in the same ditch at the end!
3. Put your wisdom/understanding/thoughts to the test. Throw out anything that is wise in this world's wisdom - become a fool
4. To graduate from God's School of Peculiarity, you have to swap your wisdom, your way of thinking, for Christ's (Philp 2:5) – you will need to learn, the wisdom of the Master – Jesus!
5. How to learn from Jesus (Matt 11:28,29)
 - a) Daily, reading through the New Testament starting in Matthew, listening to every word, and obeying every command
 - b) Being in church – learning from preaching – the foolishness of preaching
6. A Sample Outline
 - a) Who was the only truly wise man that walked on earth?
 - b) The Lord Jesus Christ
 - 1) Astonished scholars in temple at young age (Luke 2:46-47 “And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”).
 - 2) But Jesus “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Phil. 2:8).
 - c) Learn from Solomon's mistakes
 - 1) “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23)
 - 2) “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments” (Prov. 3:1).
 - 3) “Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.” (Prov. 7: 2-3).

E. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas

1. “**What Jesus Can Teach this World**” – what Jesus does to a person's mind!
 - a) He can teach you to think clearly and become wiser than your enemies, and smarter than your teachers (Ps 119)
 - b) He can teach you how to succeed (Ps 1; Joshua 1:8)
 - c) He can make you into fishers of men – Solomon couldn't do that
 - d) He can teach you how to
2. But you have to let Him lead – let Him be Lord, be in control!
3. And you have to be willing to be humbled – peter didn't want to be humbled when Jesus was washing his feet (John 13), but it had to be so!

F. Evening Preaching Session Ideas

1. ***The Price of Perfect Wisdom***
2. Why would anyone want to be greater than Solomon? Who WOULDN'T?!
3. What will it cost someone to become greater than Solomon?
4. The goal of this message is to get the Campers to make final commitments to seek to be wiser than Solomon, to live better than Solomon, live longer than Solomon, and be godlier than Solomon: at home, school, church, everywhere!

Friday Afternoon Sermon Notes

What Jesus Can Teach This World

Mark Hill

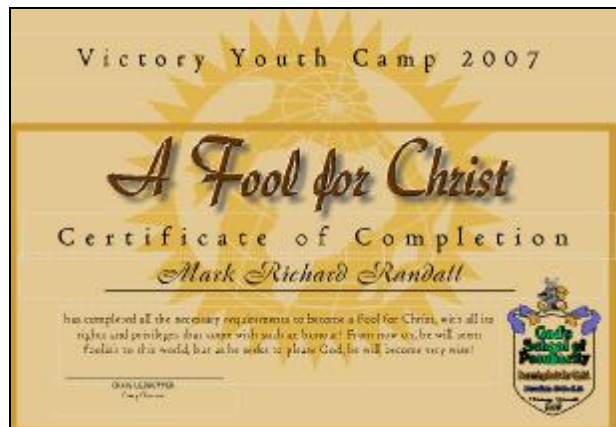
Friday Evening Sermon Notes

The Price of Perfect Wisdom

Craig Ledbetter

Saturday Thoughts
Making Our Decisions Stick
Graduation Day!

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: Matthew 7:24
- B. Introductory Thoughts
 - 1. Today we want to help the students remember the things and decisions of this week.
 - 2. We will have a Promise Parchment for each of the kids – the back of the Diploma?
- C. We will have a Review of the Memory verses – have final quiz and awards
- D. There will be a “God’s School of Peculiarity” graduation ceremony
 - 1. Diploma – calling out their name
 - 2. Graduation music!!!
 - 3. Valedictorian and Salutatorian - whoever memorized more verses, and had best attitudes
- E. Honour the winning Team
- F. Honour the teachers and preachers
- G. Honour the Camp workers and Helpers



Make sure you visit www.biblebc.com for all the photos of this year's Camp

