
The Way Of Wisdom
"Learning To Listen"
Proverbs 1:5, 18:13

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Introduction: We are working our way through Proverbs where we have 31 chapters of wisdom designed to help us navigate the complexity of life.

1. It is a very practical study.
2. So far, we have covered:
 - Overcoming Temptation
 - Trusting God
 - Financial Wisdom
 - Guarding Our Hearts
 - Responding To Criticism
3. This morning, we will begin looking into communication.
4. Communication is powerful. It can resolve the most difficult problems we face, but it can also destroy.
5. It is also complicated by our imperfections.
6. Thankfully, Proverbs has much to say on communication.
7. Communication is made up of two basic elements.
 - The Expression Side: Speaking
 - The Reception Side: Listening
8. This morning, we will begin with the listening side of communication.
9. Until we learn to listen, communication will be limited and often frustrating.

I. The Wise Have Learned To Listen

- A. A Definition

- B. A Purpose

- C. A Goal

II. The Wise Master Listening Skills

- A. Attention

- B. Patience

- C. Control

- D. Privacy

- E. Reception

- F. Discernment

Conclusion: Communication is a life skill that enhances everything it touches.

1. Unfortunately, it's an area where we often struggle.
2. A major reason for that struggle is on the listening side of the process.
3. All too often it's easier to assert than to listen.
4. Good listening leads to understanding, resolves conflict, allows us to find agreement, and strengthens our relationships.
5. So, let's learn to listen!

