# **Study Makes One Wise (Proverbs)** – August 30, 2020

**I. Real spirituality is rooted in wisdom (“lives lived excellently and with integrity before God”)**

**II. To become wise, we need to know, internalize, and live out God’s Word**

**III. Applicational Reflections**

a) The spiritual need of today is the battle for a godly mind (leading to a godly life)

b) Our service of God includes the study of Scripture

c) The challenge is discipline—the discipline of our time, energy, and “mind-space”

d) The discipleship of our children requires Christian parents to be rigorously trained in the Scriptures in order to address today's complex worldviews, temptations, and life situations

***Scriptural References: Proverbs 1:7; 2:1-5***

*Other passages on how real spirituality, spiritual maturity and spiritual health are rooted in the knowledge of the Scriptures* – cf. Matt. 5-7; 19:1ff; Luke 6:46; John 20:30-31; Acts 2:42ff; 1 Cor. 14:37ff; Gal. 6:11 (in view of context of Galatians); Eph. 3:3ff; 4:11ff; 6:14a; Col. 1:6-7, 10, 28-29; 2:1-5 (cf. 4:16); 1 Thess. 5:18; 2 Thess. 2:1-2; 3:14, 17; 1 Tim. 3:2b, 9; 4:1-5, 13, 16; 6:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2:2, 15, 16, 25-26; 3:14-17; 4:2-5; Titus 1:1b, 2-3, 9; 2:1ff; 3:8; Heb. 5:11-14; 6:1ff; Jas. 1:18, 25; 1 Pet. 1:21-2:3; 2 Pet. 1:2, 3-5, 19-21; 3:15-16; Jude 3