

## Outline

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Daniel 1:17 (NASB) 17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

### Know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

Proverbs 1:7 (NASB) 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:8-12 (NASB)

Psalms 111:10 (NASB)

Job 28:28 (NASB)



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### II. Wise People Connect with \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1:18 (NASB) <sup>18</sup> Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 1:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

Colossians 3:23 (NIV) <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

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### III. Wise People Connect with \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1:19 (NASB) <sup>19</sup> The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service.

Proverbs 13:20 (NASB) <sup>20</sup> He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Colossians 1:28-29 (NASB) <sup>28</sup> We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.



## Outline (continued)

### IV. Wise People Rise to the \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1:20 (NASB) <sup>20</sup> As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.

1 Corinthians 1:20 (NASB) <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1 Corinthians 1:25 (NASB) <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (NASB) <sup>27</sup> but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

## Outline (continued)

### V. Wise People Continue to Be \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1:21 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

#### Conclusion:

Matthew 7:24-27 (NASB) <sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."



## Outline (continued)

# The Fear of the LORD...

*... is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7*

*... finds the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:5*

*... is to hate evil. Proverbs 8:13*

*... is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10*

*... prolongs days. Proverbs 10:27*

*... is strong confidence. Proverbs 14:26*

*... is a fountain of life. Proverbs 14:27*

*... is the instruction of wisdom. Proverbs 15:33*

*... departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6*

*... leads to life. Proverbs 19:23*

*... is riches and honor and life. Proverbs 22:4*

## Outline (continued)

Through  
**WISDOM**  
a house is built,  
and by  
**UNDERSTANDING**  
it is established.  
By  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
the rooms are filled  
with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4



## Outline (continued)

For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge  
and understanding.

**Proverbs 2:6**

Message Slides



# DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For



A floating island with a castle and a church spire, set against a cosmic, starry sky. The island is illuminated from below, and the sky is filled with stars and nebulae.

# Wisdom In The Kingdom

Daniel 1:17-21 (NASB)

Two of the greatest qualities  
to have in life are:



**PATIENCE**  
and **WISDOM**



A floating island with a castle and a church spire, set against a cosmic, starry sky. The island is dark and appears to be floating in a vast, dark space filled with stars and nebulae. The castle is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The church spire is the tallest structure on the island. The background is a mix of dark blue and green, with bright light sources creating a sense of depth and wonder.

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A floating island with a castle on a cloudy sky. The island is dark and appears to be floating in a sky filled with soft, white and light blue clouds. The castle on the island is illuminated with a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is ethereal and dreamlike.

Wisdom in the  
Kingdom



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A floating island with a castle on top, set against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The island is dark and appears to be floating in the air, with a bright light source behind it, creating a silhouette effect. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of green and blue, with a bright, glowing area behind the island.

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Wisdom in the  
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Know Jesus

Know the Word

Know Prayer

Know the Spirit

Know Obedience

Seek Wisdom

Know the Fear of the Lord





I. Wise People Connect with God

II. Wise People Connect with Tasks



Daniel

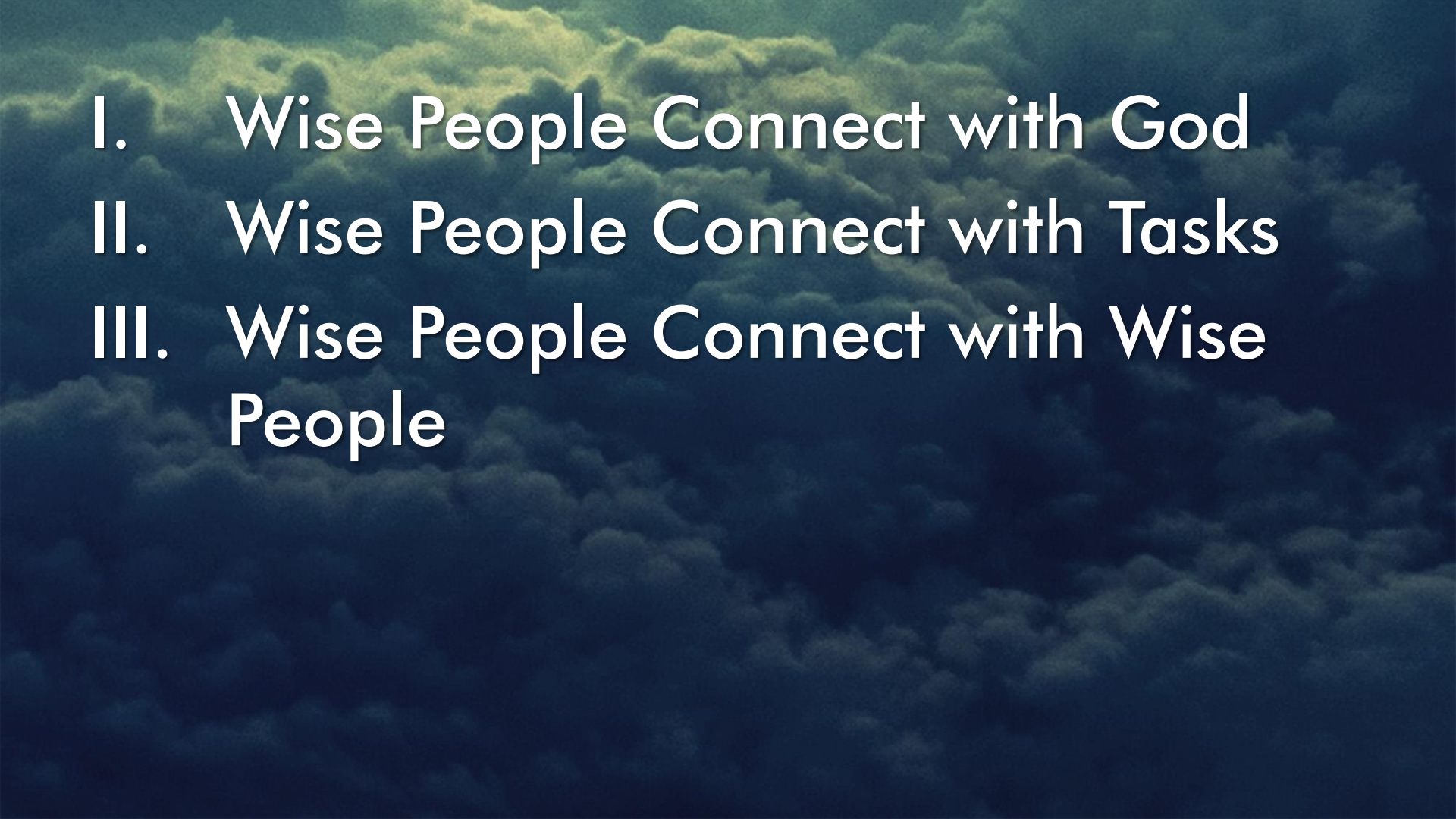
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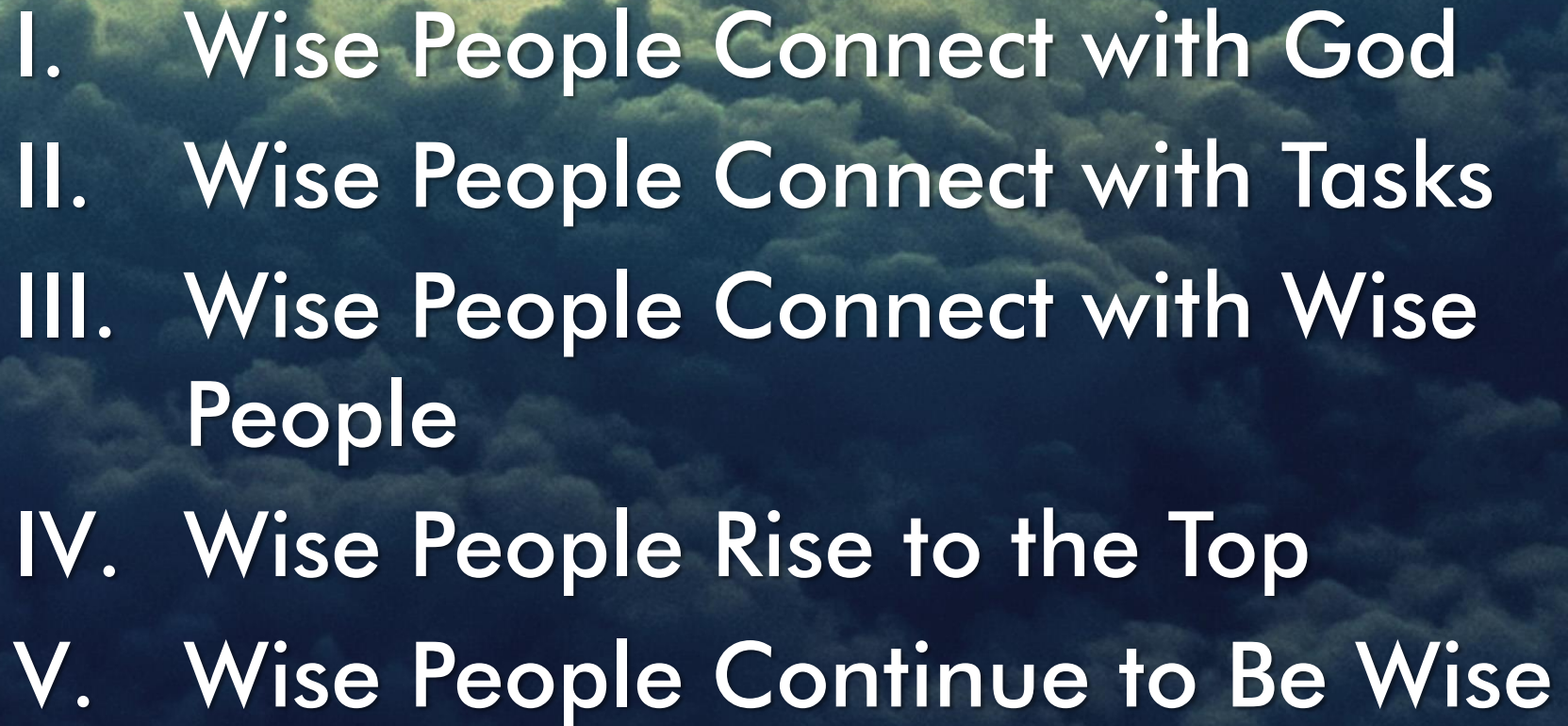
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A floating island with a castle and a church spire, set against a cosmic, starry sky. The island is illuminated from below, and the sky is filled with stars and nebulae. The text "Wisdom In The Kingdom" is overlaid on the island.

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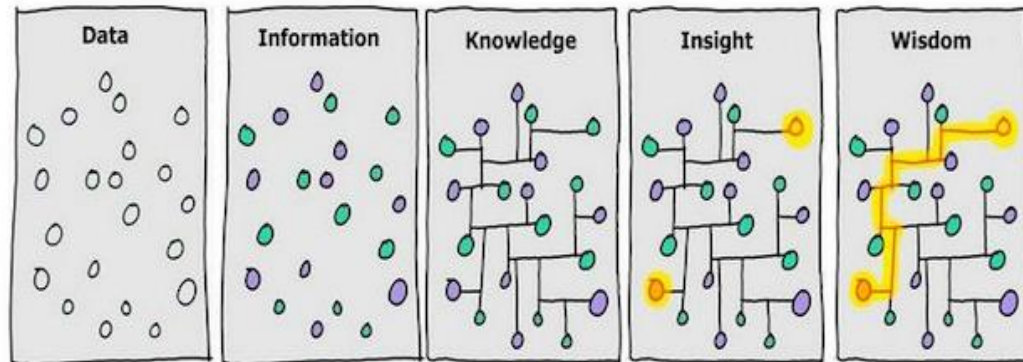
## Questions

1. Did you enjoy school? What was your favorite subjects? What did you feel like on graduation day?
2. Who is one person you feel is wise in how they live their life, follow Jesus and relate to people in relationships?
3. Do you make decisions easily or are they hard for you? Please explain to the group some of the dynamics involved in decision-making with your answer.



## Questions

4. What do you feel is the relationship between wisdom, knowledge, information, discernment, understanding, and prudence. Use the diagram below to jumpstart your discussion with others.



[Cartoon by David Somerville, based on a two pane version by Hugh McLeod.]

## Questions

5. In the following verses, pull out all the character traits that are needed by a person who is led by wisdom rather than foolishness.

Proverbs 9:8-12 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

<sup>9</sup> Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

<sup>11</sup> For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.

<sup>12</sup> If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you alone will bear it.



## Questions

6. James 3:13-18 has 2 types of wisdom: What are the fruits of living a wise life? What are the fruits of living a foolish life? Which school are you currently experiencing?

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## Questions

7. What problems in my life could God use to build wisdom?
8. Do I seek advice from wise people to help me with major decisions?
9. In making decisions, which weighs more heavily, wisdom or my personal comfort and happiness?
10. How do I depend upon the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the Scriptures to guide me when making a decision?
11. Am I cooperating with God to make myself a wise person?