



THEME:

The "Shortcut" to Peace > Proverbs 3:13-18 > Philippians 4:7

CONVERSATION:

1. Have you ever taken a shortcut that ended up taking longer than the actual route?
2. What are the ways we try and "shortcut" wisdom? (what does wisdom say that we think we don't need to follow)?
3. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
4. Do you have an example of someone you would consider "wise" in your life?
 - a. What makes you think about them that way?
5. Check out [Proverbs 3:13-18](#) >

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are **peace**. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

- a. Solomon saw the depth of the value of wisdom > why is it so tough to find value in becoming wise?
 - i. Is it because it isn't popular? Takes too much effort?
- b. **How can you practically apply this to your life in areas you need to grow in?**
- c. If we continue to try and shortcut wisdom and do it our own way > how will this affect the story that is written with our lives?

RESPOND:

We're looking for **action** we can take to climb from "smart" to "wise"

Is there anything we can do on our own this week to get back on the path to wisdom, and ultimately, **peace**?

Pray for each other