

## **Purpose:**

“Words of Wisdom” Project is designed to set forth principles that would help our nation and communities by displaying these words in businesses and other public venues. As these short Proverbs are read by those entering, it allows the person reading them to make a choice to follow this path. We believe even if only a few are moved to choose this path, it will help move our nation back to principles on which this nation was built.

Over a number of years more attention has been given to self-indulgence and little attention to concern for others. This deterioration, no doubt, came over a long period of time. The idea is to display Proverbs showing responsible action and how it leads to the blessings of God for all in our nation to see as they walk into business establishments. God’s Word has the power to change lives.

The Proverb would be changed out from time to time for new principles to be seen.

We recognize many are not concerned about religion or the Bible but know the Proverb principles have great value to our society and would be willing to put them in their workplace anyway.

Our country, to some degree, has moved to a bad place, wanting others to provide for them, etc. Proverbs directs us from bad behavior to good and productive behavior. It teaches us using drugs brings destruction to many lives. (Prov. 20:1; 21:17) It shows us the destructiveness of haughty eyes and a proud heart. (Prov. 21:4) It teaches us how diligence leads to profit and haste to poverty, (Prov. 21:5) and on and on it goes.

These Proverbs are basic truths which will lead to a more responsible society when accepted.

Little by little we’ve gotten away from these good principles and therefore it will take our nation seeing these principles over and over to move us back. That is what this project endeavors to promote.

The ISBE, Vol. 3, p. 1012 says it all in its definition of Proverbs. “A saying, usually brief, stating observations from experience so arrestingly that it gains popularity. The purpose is to warn against dangerous conduct, while encouraging behavior that promotes personal and social well-being.”

## **Process:**

### **Business Displays:**

1. Ask business owner to hang Proverbs in their establishment.
2. Provide needed items to hang the Proverb frame.
3. Go by every 1 to 2 months and change Proverb to another one.
4. Keep records: (Using blank location sheet.)
  - Establishment's name, address and telephone number.
  - Name of contact person.
  - Establishment's business hours.
  - Ask if they want Lord or God in the Proverb. Check Yes\_\_ or No\_\_
  - Ask if you may change out Proverb without asking them each time. Yes\_\_ or No\_\_
  - Proverb left, date it was left and person who left it.
  - On bottom of page put any verses special to them that they want hung up and do not change out.
  - Give them a choice to start with. (Have several on hand to do so.)
5. When we go in they will see Christ in each of us. (Phil. 2:14-16). This puts us in the community where God wants us.

### **Yard Signs:**

- From thumb drive, print yard signs Proverbs you wish printed. These are formatted in landscape on thumb drive. Take to local printing company to be printed.
- Proverbs are printed on corrugated plastic (coroplast) yard signs.
- Members of the congregation display signs in their yards.
- To resist wind, cut rebar 24" long – spray with liquid galvanized – drive in ground with yard sign post – use zip ties to hold to post.
- Extra yard signs are left in church building foyer. Members bring in signs once a month and take a different Proverb to put up in their yard.

### **Napkin Holders in Restaurants**

- Proverbs printed on 4" x 6" postcard stock.
- Change out at your discretion.
- Put a QR code to your congregation's website on cards, if desired.