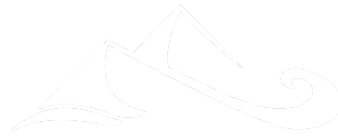


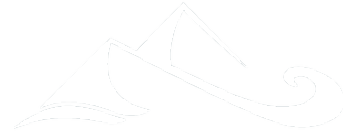
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Wisdom and Decision Making
(Once you understand wisdom, you'll understand decision making)



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Training Outline

- Jan. 10 - Wisdom: understanding the word
- **Jan. 17 - Wisdom's vocabulary: prudence, discernment, etc.**
- Jan. 24 - Wisdom, faith, and world view
- Jan. 31 - Teaching wisdom and living with it

Wisdom

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Wisdom crying in the streets - Prov. 1:20-22

Examples?

Think about what you're doing! Where will it end?

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The Words of Wisdom in Proverbs

- Collocated terms
 - Instruction (1:2)
 - Understanding (1:2)
 - Knowledge (1:4)
 - Prudence (1:4)
 - Discretion (1:4)
 - Riddles (1:6)
 - Enigma (1:6)
 - Discernment (2:3)
- Contrasting terms - the wise are contrasted with
 - The naïve/simple (1:4)
 - The young (1:4)
 - The fool (1:7)

These words have different meanings but do overlap. They are very useful for showing the developmental process involved in growing from knowledge to wisdom, but we won't be looking at them as "technical terms" with sharp distinctions between them.

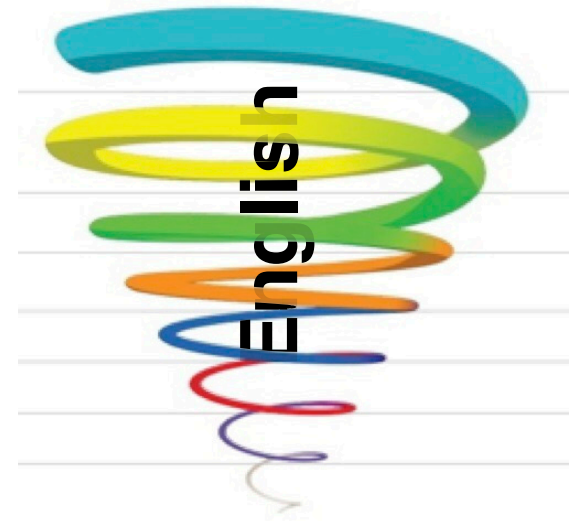
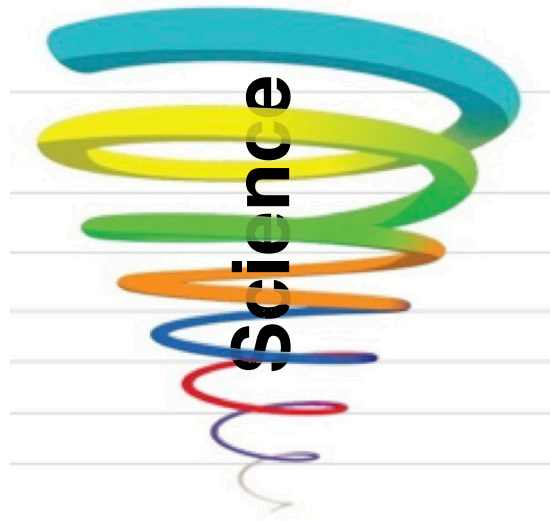
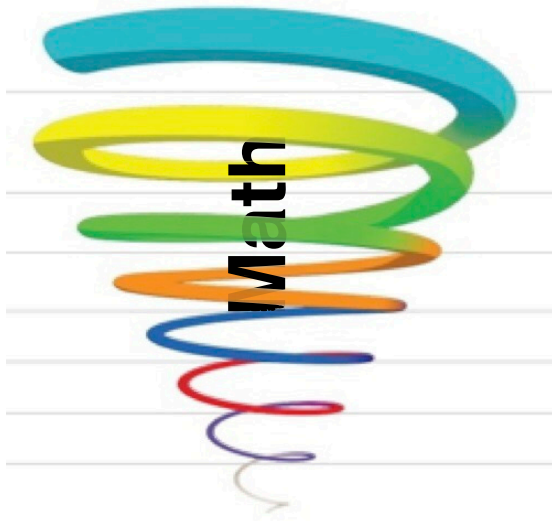
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Today's Goal

Understand how to get from knowledge to wisdom

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The Education Cycle



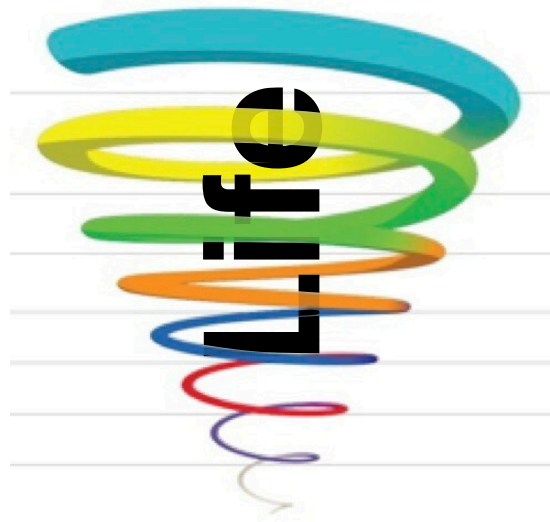
The fear of the LORD?

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The Wisdom Cycle

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Pr 1:7)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
(Pr 9:10)

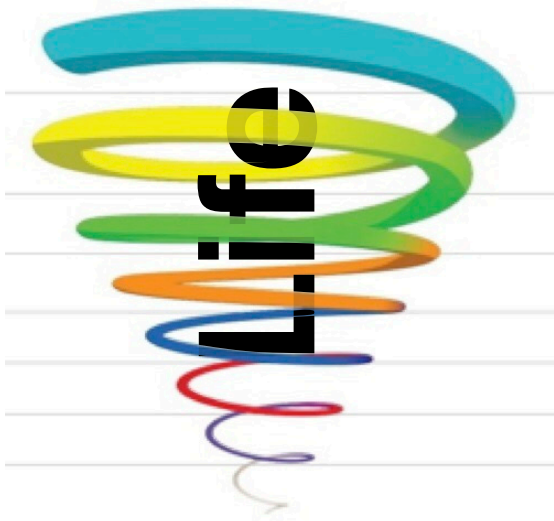


- Wisdom
- Discernment
- Understanding
- Knowledge
- Instruction

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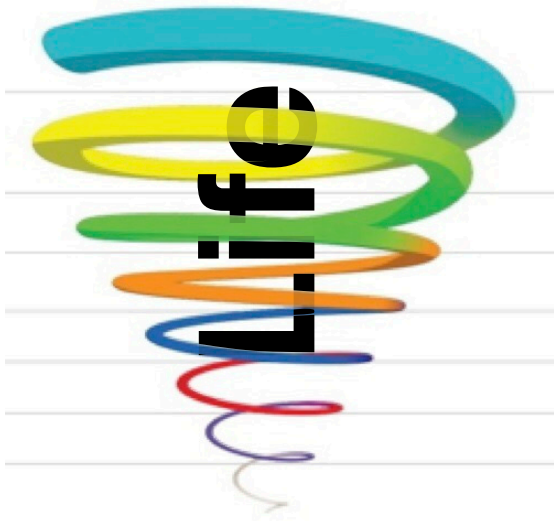
Instruction in Proverbs

- Characters
 - Wise, foolish, simple, righteous, wicked, scoffer, etc.
- Situations
 - Planning, temptation, work, accountability, etc.
- Topics
 - Anger, anxiety, fighting, discipline, prayer, etc.

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Knowledge

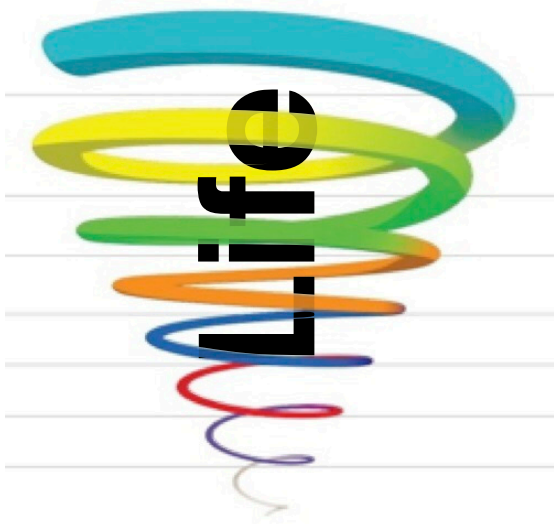
- Information (the *what*)
- Cumulative
- Learning the parts and pieces
- Cognitive and experiential



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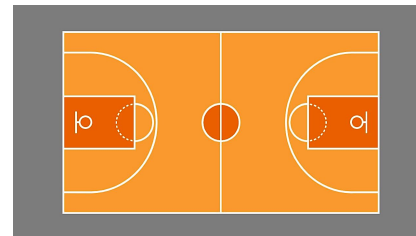


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Understanding

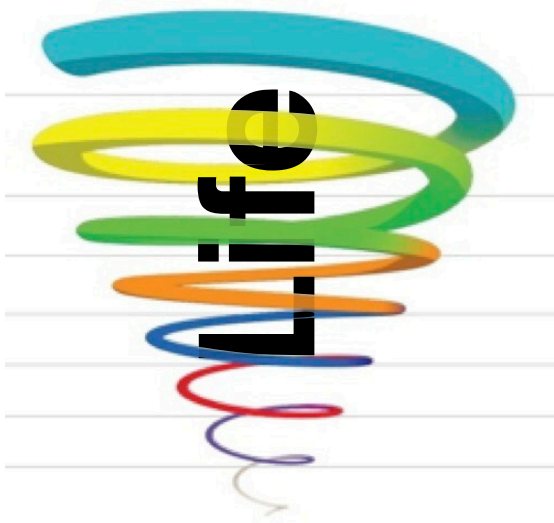
- Connecting the dots (the *how*)
- Cumulative
- Learning the ins and outs
- Cognitive and experiential



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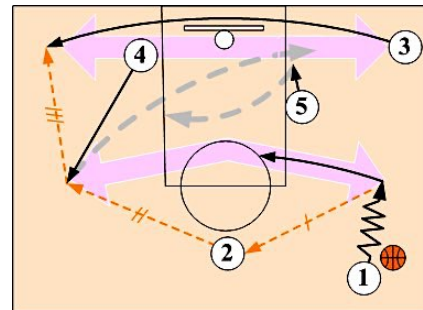


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Discernment

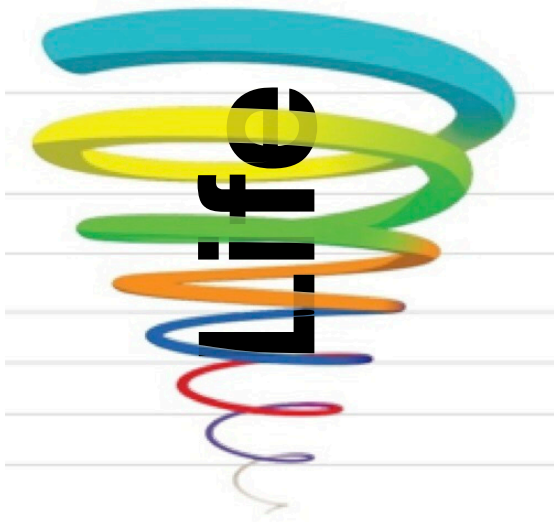
- Evaluating and pinpointing
- Cumulative and developmental
- Seeing what *is* and what *should be*
- Dynamic application of understanding



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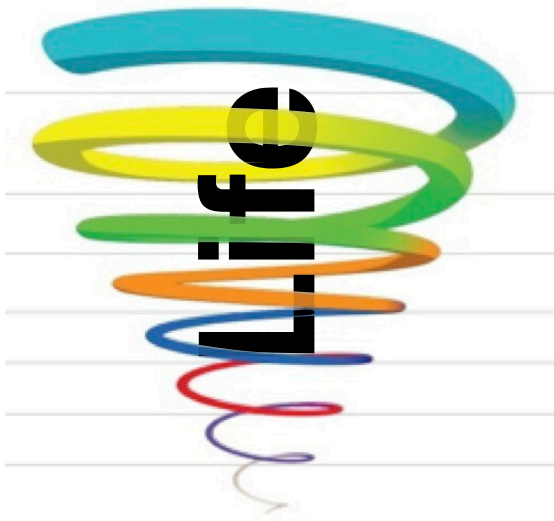
- Deciding and acting
- Cumulative and developmental
- Focused on the best outcome
- Dynamic application of discernment



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Applying Wisdom Without Perfect Knowledge

The fear of the LORD



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Decisions at all levels

- How important/impactful is this decision (what will the outcome impact?)
- Do I need more knowledge or understanding?
- Who can help me gain better understanding and help with discernment?

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Prudence

Discretion

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Wisdom, Prudence, and Discretion

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Prudence is short-term in its view. It is focused on the next steps needed in order to get to the long-term goal. In daily life, the best route is not always direct.

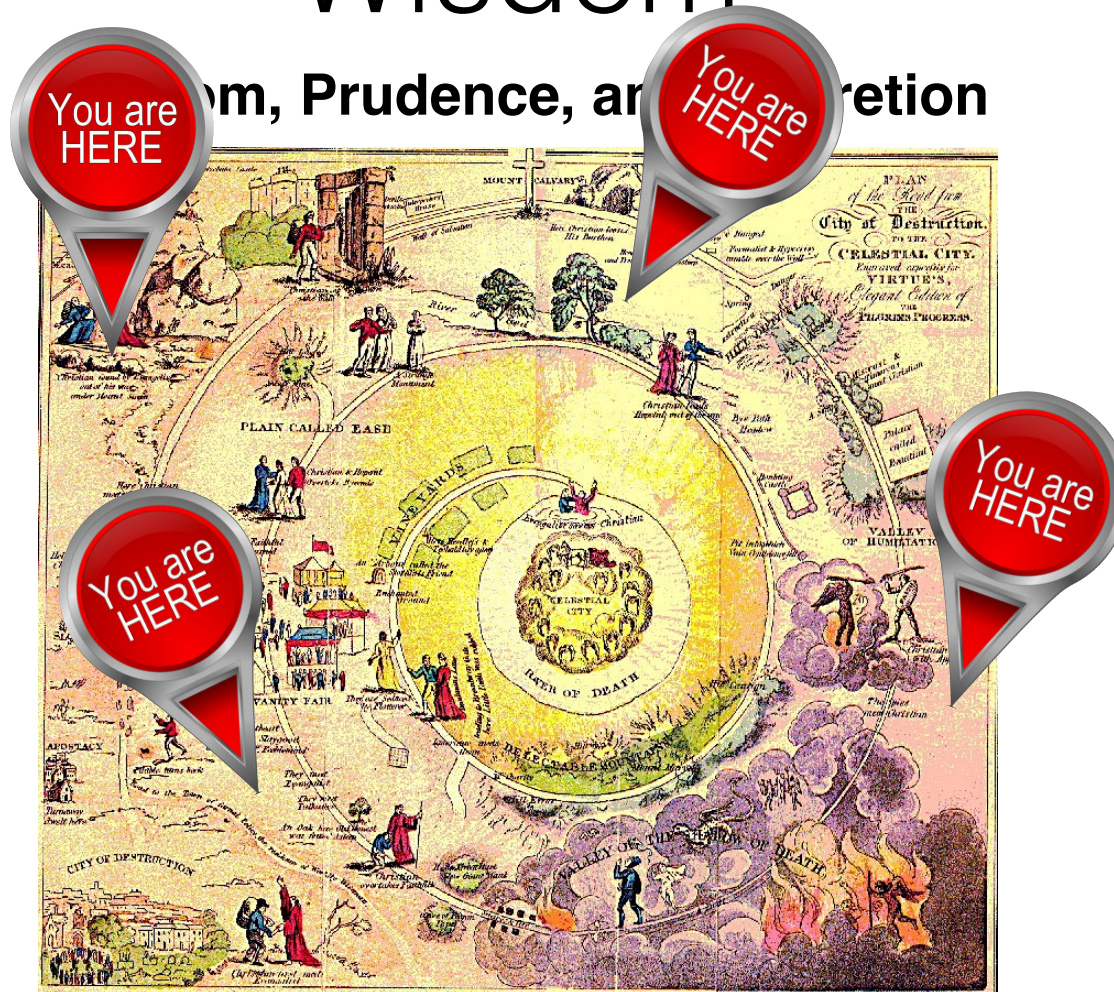
Discretion has the idea of having a purpose and a plan and then putting it into action. The instruction of Proverbs is to exercise wisdom with a good plan, measured out to achieve the best goal in the best way.

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om, Prudence, and Discretion

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The Invitation of Wisdom

Proverbs 9:1-6



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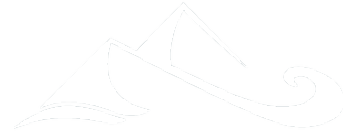
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The Invitation of Folly

Proverbs 9:13-18



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