

# The Ways of the Wise

“Finding Wisdom”

January 1, 4-5, 2014: Jay Jones, Spiritual Growth Pastor

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## I. Most of Us Look Back on Our Lives and Realize That as We Get Older We Tend to Get Wiser...but Not Always! *Proverbs 27:22*

### II. How Do We Actually Learn Anything?

A. The hard way: through personal experience.

1. This is the school of hard knocks.
2. Two huge drawbacks:
  - a. No guarantee of learning anything.
  - b. A promise of great pain..

B. The easy way: through the experiences of others.

### III. Thinking Wisely.

A. Knowledge is the accumulation and assimilation of information.

B. Wisdom is the appropriate and timely application of knowledge.

C. A key but elusive concept: cause and effect.

1. None of us wants to forfeit our right to choose, but we are quick to abdicate our responsibility for the outcome that results from our actions. *Proverbs 6:27-29*
2. You get what you got when you do what you did!

### IV. How to Make Wise Decisions.

A. Ask God for wisdom. *Proverbs 9:10; James 1:5; Proverbs 1:20-23*

B. Read my Bible every day. *Psalms 119:97-99; Proverbs 1:1-4, 7*

C. Let a few people into my heart deeply. *Proverbs 4:23; Jeremiah 17:9*

D. Use multiple counselors in my decision making. *Proverbs 11:14 (Message); Proverbs 15:22*

E. Keep a record of my life lessons. *Proverbs 24:32; 2 Timothy 2:7*

## Five for the Drive

### A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. Tell something dumb that you did that you wished you had not done.
2. What did you learn from that?
3. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Give examples.
4. How does God help me to become wise?
5. How can other people help me to become wise?

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### **Post-Journey Serve Day**

**8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11**

#### **The Journey set behind The Link across the lake**

Please join us as we disassemble our set for storage. We will winterize and prepare the Journey fabrics and props for storage. Costumes will be cleaned, sorted, repaired and stored. There will also be a general clean-up of the campus. Lunch will be provided.

### **REAL Time**

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14**

#### **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Ladies, join us for REAL Time, an opportunity to connect with other ladies for food, fellowship and laughter as we share and encourage each other in our walks with Christ. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. REAL Time is a monthly event the second Tuesday of each month, except July and December. Purchase your \$8 ticket at least one week in advance of each meeting at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) or at a Connection Kiosk.

### **Element Spring Kick-Off**

**6 – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12**

#### **The Link across the lake**

High school students are invited to come and kick off the new season with food, games, worship and a message at Element. New students are very welcome to come along and join in! Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

### **2013 Contribution Statements**

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