

A New Leader



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The crowd in Grant Park that November night when President Obama was elected to office cheered with great enthusiasm as he took the podium. They were clapping their hands and shouting with great joy because the first African American President was elected. There were tens of thousands of people from across the world to witness this great moment in history.

Patty and her friends were there that night, holding up the handmade posters they created in the campaign office. The seventh graders had helped in the campaign when a volunteer came to their school requesting youth workers. Of course, they were too young to vote, but they went door to door in their neighborhood passing out literature. They met a lot of people and learned the details of running a campaign for a leader you trust. That summer, they sponsored a car wash to donate money to the campaign.

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“Yes, We Can!” The sea of people shouted as President Obama delivered his victory speech. Many were shedding tears of joy; others were excited to see a new leader in the White House. This new leader would bring fresh ideas; he was well-qualified for the highest office in the country. The girls felt in some small way that they were partly responsible for Obama’s victory.

In My Heart

*“Sing praises to God, sing praises;
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.
 For God is the King of all the earth;
 sing to him a psalm of praise”
 (Psalm 47:6–7, NIV).*

WORD!

Psalm 47, NIV—Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. **2** For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. **3** He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. **4** He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. **5** God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. **6** Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. **7** For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. **8** God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. **9** The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

God's Rule over the Nations

How to Praise God

- ## A. God Deserves Adoration

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(step 3) Share your rap with the class. This is called corporate praise: one that involves everyone.

Good Leaders

I Appreciate You

Use this space to write down questions you have about this lesson.

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Smart Move!



All jokes about lawyers aside, attorneys are a vital part of buying a home. Real estate attorneys use their expertise to review contracts before you sign on the dotted line. Lawyers represent you at the closing when you're signing final loan documents. They make sure your legal rights are protected during such an important investment.

An attorney-at-law is an officer of the court and is required in the United States to pledge to observe the United States Constitution and the constitution of the state in which s/he practices law. Each state regulates the training and qualifications of attorneys. Usually, students go to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree, which is followed by law school, and finally, a clerkship or apprenticeship, varying from one to two years, in the office of a practicing attorney. Alas, there is an examination in law before being admitted to the bar.

The attorney then specializes in a particular field of law—in this case, real estate law. Other lawyers become corporate attorneys (business), criminal attorneys (speaks for itself), international attorneys (international law—nice money!), civil rights attorneys (protect rights under the constitution), and so on. Some folks think they don't need an attorney, especially if they've purchased a home before. But the Bible says, "He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe"—Proverbs 28:26. Or, in the words of a more contemporary proverb: "the man who has himself for a lawyer has a fool for a client."

In My Heart

*"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding."
(Proverbs 3:13, NIV)*

WORD!

Proverbs 2:1–5; 3:1–6, 13–18, NIV—Attorneywise

Proverbs 2:1—My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, **2** turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, **3** and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, **4** and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, **5** then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

A Binding Agreement

Proverbs 3:1—My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, **2** for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. **3** Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Case Closed!

Proverbs 3:13—Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, **14** for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. **15** She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. **16** Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. **17** Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. **18** She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

The Book Of Proverbs

How To Study The Book Of Proverbs

GOT IT!

Look back at WORD! to help you with these paraphrases.

- ## B. Spread The Wisdom

JAM SESSION

The book of Proverbs can help you get a line on living wisely and making wise decisions. It's a veritable treasure chest of good, juicy stuff! Just as REALITY CHECK suggests a real estate attorney in the purchase process of a home, seeking the wisdom of God in EVERYTHING is even wiser. Check back in WORD! and choose a particular verse that really hits home with you personally. Share with the group how that verse can really help you in day-to-day living.

JAM ON IT!

This week, monitor the advice you give others as well as the decisions you make. Use the book of Proverbs this week to help you share and use wisdom in all you do. Share results next session.

LAST JAM

Believers must seek and rely on the wisdom of God in all things.

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS

Use this space to write down questions you have about this lesson.

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