I. As we see in Book Two, Point and Counterpoint are the Pattern of Presentation of   
 Wisdom.

A. The Pivot for this balance is primarily the conjunction, “But.”

B. Seeing all sides of a truth is a characteristic of Biblical maturity.

C. The Method of Teaching is as important as the Content (Form and Fact).

II. The audience for Book Two is primarily for the mature, Book One for the young.

A. The New Testament perspective on Maturity frames the pictures of Book

Two.

B. The Apostle Paul is the chief voice for Spiritual Maturity in the New Testament.

1. Ephesians 4

2. Galatians 4

3. 1 Corinthians 13:11; 14:20

4. Also, Hebrews 5:14

III. Book Two teaches us in its Point/Counterpoint (Thesis/Antithesis) the argument FOR

Folly.

A. There’s always an argument for Folly – “Ignorance is Bliss.”

B. Knowledge may be Power; however, the price is high. (Prov. 12)

C. As Prov. 12 teaches, “What you don’t know can’t hurt you,” is the voice of Folly.

IV. Prov. 12 concludes its arguments with a picture of a path/way that leads to life.

A. Jesus called this, “The Narrow Path/Door.” Matthew 7:13ff; Luke 13:24

1. With this argument He concludes the Sermon on the Mount.

a. A person on the Path is compared to housebuilding!

B. In this section of Proverbs, the personification of Book One needs to be heeded.

1. John 14:6 synchronizes EVERYTHING!! Compare 1 Cor. 13

V. How we “See” the so-called “Christian Life” is a test of wisdom and folly.

A. There are 168 hours in a week.

1. Going to church for a couple of hours won’t suffice.

2. Dealing with the fact that 164 or so hours remain is the concept to grasp.

B. We need to “see” that God wants us to take a walk.

1. What do we need to take such a walk?

2. Knowing that this path is a Person is the greatest wisdom/knowledge.

a. Colossians 2:2 “…the mystery of God, namely, Christ…”

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“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”