A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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About Proverbial Thoughts

The book of Proverbs contains practical wisdom for all us.

Wisdom for relationships.
Wisdom for life decisions.
Wisdom for just about any area of life you can think of.

Join The Water's Edge as WE take a look at the book of Proverbs and how this ancient book contains the answers to our modern-day questions.

Proverbs

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

-Proverbs 3:5

Week 1

Memorize _____ *a verse from this week's readings that you would like to commit to memory*

Pray _____ *share with God what is on your heart this week*

Commit _____ *set an intention on how you will apply this week's readings within your life*

Week 1

Relections — *take a moment to reflect on each day's readings - how God spoke to you, what you learned and/or what questions you have*

January 1st — *Proverbs 1*

January 2nd — *Proverbs 2*

January 3rd — *Proverbs 3*

January 4th _____ *Proverbs 4*

January 5th _____ *Proverbs 5*

January 6th _____ *Proverbs 6*

January 7th _____ *Proverbs 7*

Week 1

Ponder

take a moment to reflect and answer the following questions on your own or with a group

1. Life is full of choices. Name a time when someone tried to encourage you to turn your back on truth and wisdom. What did you learn from that experience? (Proverbs 1)

2. What characteristics makes someone a fool? Why do fools despise wisdom? (Proverbs 1)

3. What does it mean to trust in the Lord with all your heart? What does it mean to lean not on your own understanding? How can applying these principles change the way you live? (Proverbs 3)

4. God's word is a lamp - it keeps us from evil. Proverbs 6:20-23 tell us we should bind it around our neck and we should think about it day and night. What are some ways you practically live out these verses? (Proverbs 6)

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

-Proverbs 4:23

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

-Proverbs 10:11

Week 2

Memorize _____ *a verse from this week's readings that you would like to commit to memory*

Pray _____ *share with God what is on your heart this week*

Commit _____ *set an intention on how you will apply this week's readings within your life*

Week 2

Relections

take a moment to reflect on each day's readings - how God spoke to you, what you learned and/or what questions you may have

January 8th *Proverbs 8*

January 9th *Proverbs 9*

January 10th *Proverbs 10*

January 11th — *Proverbs 11*

January 12th — *Proverbs 12*

January 13th — *Proverbs 13*

January 14th — *Proverbs 14*

Week 2

Ponder

take a moment to reflect and answer the following questions on your own or with a group

1. What does it mean that love covers all wrongs? (Proverbs 10)

2. Wisdom is better than rubies - do you pursue the wisdom of God or the riches of man in your daily actions? (Proverbs 8)

3. It is foolish to do what is right in our own eyes. When have you chosen to listen to someone else's advice and not do what you thought should be done? (Proverbs 12)

4. Everybody has an opinion to share, but we must be careful to consider where God is directing our lives. How do you weigh the opinions of others before acting on them? (Proverbs 14)

From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward.

-Proverbs 12:14

Those who give heed to instruction prosper, and blessed are those who trust in the LORD.

-Proverbs 16:20

Week 3

Memorize _____ *a verse from this week's readings that you would like to commit to memory*

Pray _____ *share with God what is on your heart this week*

Commit _____ *set an intention on how you will apply this week's readings within your life*

Week 3

Relections

take a moment to reflect on each day's readings - how God spoke to you, what you learned and/or what questions you may have

January 15th *Proverbs 15*

January 16th *Proverbs 16*

January 17th *Proverbs 17*

January 18th — *Proverbs 18*

January 19th — *Proverbs 19*

January 20th — *Proverbs 20*

January 21st — *Proverbs 21*

Week 3

Ponder

take a moment to reflect and answer the following questions on your own or with a group

1. When we speak we can bring life to those around us. How do you strive to ensure that your words speak life? (Proverbs 15)

2. Surrendering our ways to the Lord can be difficult. We have a tendency to want to control our circumstances. What is one thing that has helped you surrender your plans to the Lord? (Proverbs 16)

3. The tongue is a small but powerful member. Share with us one instance when your “soft” words soothed an argument. (Proverbs 18)

4. If we want wisdom, we must first learn to fear the Lord. What does this mean? What are three ways that the fear of the Lord is evident in your life? (Proverbs 19)

5. It is easy to see the flaws in others. Yet, we often miss our own spiritual flaws. What areas has God revealed to you that you need to work on? (Proverbs 21)

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

-Proverbs 18:24

As iron sharpens iron,

so one person sharpens

another.

-Proverbs 27:17

Week 4

Memorize _____ *a verse from this week's readings that you would like to commit to memory*

Pray _____ *share with God what is on your heart this week*

Commit _____ *set an intention on how you will apply this week's readings within your life*

Week 4

Relections — *take a moment to reflect on each day's readings - how God spoke to you, what you learned and/or what questions you may have*

January 22nd — *Proverbs 22*

January 23rd — *Proverbs 23*

January 24th — *Proverbs 24*

January 25th — *Proverbs 25*

January 26th — *Proverbs 26*

January 27th — *Proverbs 27*

January 28th — *Proverbs 28*

Week 4

Ponder

take a moment to reflect and answer the following questions on your own or with a group

1. Chapter 22 reminds us to be watchful for those in need and extend ourselves to help them. Think of something you can do to help someone you come into contact with today. (Proverbs 22)

2. Chapter 25 gives instructions on how to handle conflict with others. What are some of the areas of dealing with conflict do you need to work on? (Proverbs 25)

3. Lies and gossip go hand in hand. We need to guard ourselves around gossip. What are some practical ways you guard your lips from lying and gossip? (Proverbs 26)

4. Iron sharpens Iron. Do you have accountable relationships? What do you look for in these kind of relationships? How do you practice accountability with one another? (Proverbs 27)

5. Our hearts can't be trusted - but the Lord can be trusted. What is something you need to let go and trust God for? (Proverbs 28)

Do you see people who are wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for fools than for them.

-Proverbs 26:12

Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end

-Proverbs 29:11

Week 5

Memorize _____ *a verse from this week's readings that you would like to commit to memory*

Pray _____ *share with God what is on your heart this week*

Commit _____ *set an intention on how you will apply this week's readings within your life*

Week 5

Relections

take a moment to reflect on each day's readings - how God spoke to you, what you learned and/or what questions you may have

January 29th *Proverbs 29*

January 30th *Proverbs 30*

January 31st *Proverbs 31*

Week 5

Ponder

take a moment to reflect and answer the following questions on your own or with a group

1. Pride destroys - it will bring you low. Humility is when you keep yourself low to begin with. How can you keep pride down and stay humble? (Proverbs 29)

2. God's Word is pure and can be trusted. Share about a time when God spoke to you specifically out of His Word. (Proverbs 30)

3. The woman in Proverbs 31 had a dream. She turned that dream into a plan that kept her active and benefitted her family. Do you have such a dream? Share about that dream and how you can turn it into a plan. (Proverbs 31)

4. What mundane task do you struggle with the most? Why do you think you struggle with it? How can you embrace joy in that area as you serve the Lord? (Proverbs 31)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

-Proverbs 31:8

Notes

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