

EXPLORING PROVERBS

June 14th to July 26th, 2020

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CLASS GOALS:



- To read the book of Proverbs with greater understanding of the poetic devices, primary sections, and consistent themes of the book.



- To equip ourselves with key verses for making wise choices that are grounded in the fear of the Lord.



- To see more clearly the great rewards of living with Godly wisdom.



- To raise our awareness of the foolish and tragic dangers of living a wicked life.



- To use the Proverbs to address and overcome personal struggles with Godly solutions.

Class Schedule

Lesson	Day	Date	Topic	Text	Teacher
1	S	6/14/20	Intro: Fear of the Lord		Jake
2	W	6/17/20	The Results of Wisdom	Ch. 1-4	Jake
3	S	6/21/20	Instructions for Marriage	Ch. 5-7	Phillip
4	W	6/24/20	Invitations of Wisdom and Folly	Ch. 8-9	Phillip
5	S	6/28/20	Heart of the Wise	Ch. 10-22	Jake
6	W	7/1/20	Heart of the Fool	Ch. 10-22	Phillip
7	S	7/5/20	Wisdom & Our Work	Ch. 10-22	Jake
8	W	7/8/20	Wisdom & Our Wealth	Ch. 10-22	Phillip
9	S	7/12/20	Wisdom & Our Speech	Ch. 10-22	Jake
10	W	7/15/20	Wisdom & Our Relationships	Ch. 10-22	Phillip
11	S	7/19/20	Collections: Words of the Wise	Ch. 22-24	Jake
12	W	7/22/20	Collections: Hezekiah, Agur, & Lemuel	Ch. 25-31a	Phillip
13	S	7/26/20	The Woman of Wisdom	Ch. 31b	Jake

Lesson 1 – Introduction: Fear of the Lord

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (1:7 ESV)

Textual/Factual Questions

1. What is the purpose of the book, according to Solomon’s prologue? (1:1-7)
2. List the different individuals involved in writing or collecting the texts in this book.
3. In what section of the bible do we find the book of Proverbs? (Circle One)
 - a. The Gospels
 - b. Minor Prophets
 - c. Law
 - d. Wisdom poetry
4. What does the book say is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom? (1:7; 9:10)

Thought Questions

5. Are proverbs true in all situations? (Consider passages like 15:1 and 22:6 in pondering this question)
6. What does it mean for knowledge/wisdom to begin with the “fear of the Lord”? Will this type of wisdom differ from worldly ideas about wisdom?

Application

- Commit to reading this book slowly and carefully throughout this segment to try and fulfill its intended purpose (1:1-7) in your own mind and heart.