

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 5 – Heart of the Wise (topical study in Prov. 10-22)

“Wisdom rests in the heart of a man of understanding, but it makes itself known even in the midst of fools.” (14:33)

NOTE: This lesson is the first of six topical studies through Solomon’s proverbs found in chapters 10-22. Lesson 5 is intended to be a study of the heart of the wise, which includes his character, disposition, and desires. Lesson 6 will then take a look at the heart of the fool instead.

Textual/Factual Questions

1. See 11:2; 15:33; and 22:4. What quality is mentioned in these verses as being closely associated with wisdom and the fear of the Lord?
2. See 10:8,17; 12:1,15; 13:1,10,18; and 15:31-32. What characterizes the wise, according to these verses?
3. See 14:29-30; 15:18; and 16:32. What characterizes the wise, according to these verses?

Thought Questions

4. Read 16:32 again. Ponder the meaning of this proverb, using poetic devices discussed in lesson 1, and be prepared to discuss in class.
5. See 21:15,17; 10:28; and 12:20. Can we get a picture of what brings the wise and righteous man joy? How would you describe that picture?
6. Read 14:16 and 22:3. What is the wise man’s attitude towards evil and how do his actions reflect his attitude?
7. “Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.” (12:10 ESV). This proverb gives a very specific teaching about the righteous. What broader application can we take from this proverb?

Application

- Reflect on the character and heart of the wise man seen in these passages. Begin to take steps this week to bring yourself closer to the picture of the wise that we see in these passages.