

# EXPLORING PROVERBS

June 14<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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

<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
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 13 – The Woman of Wisdom (Proverbs 31)

*“An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.” (31:10)*

### Textual/Factual Questions

1. As we have studied the book of Proverbs, several virtues have been repeatedly emphasized. What traits from the book as a whole, do you see in the worthy woman? How is 31:10 similar to 20:6?
2. Verses 11-12 emphasize trust. What ideas from these verses can be used to help couples who want to start today building greater trust?
3. 31:13-18 indicates the types of activities she gives her attention to during the day. What modern activities attempt to rob Godly women of time well invested?
4. 31:21 mentions not fearing snow. What does this indicate about the types of problems she is prepared to face?
5. Consider 31:26. Why is kindness in her speech such an important quality?

### Thought Questions

6. In addition to looking for a wife, why is it important for men to study this chapter well?
7. No one develops all of these qualities overnight. Why is it important to see Proverbs 31 as BOTH a description of daily habits, and also a summary of a lifetime of growing faithfulness?
8. Chapter 30: Agur writes his Proverbs in small groups of related ideas.
  - a. What attitude does Agur express in his standing before God? (vs. 1-9)
  - b. What does Agur believe about ungrateful children? (15-17)
  - c. Many people believe “Bigger is Better,” what does Agur understand? (24-28)

### Application

- 31:28-31. Name three Bible women who lived with this type of Godly character, and which verses from Proverbs 31 you think they excel in demonstrating.

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