

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 7 – Wisdom & Our Work (topical study in Prov. 10-22)

“A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.” (10:4)

Textual/Factual Questions

1. See 10:4; 12:24,27; 13:4. Contrast the results of diligence with the results of slothfulness.
2. What is the metaphor used in 10:26 and what do you think it tells us about the sluggard?
3. See 19:15 and 26:14. What is a common habit of the sluggard?
4. What is the sluggard saying in 22:13? What do you think this means?

Thought Questions

5. Consider 21:5. What do you think this proverb is teaching about diligence?
6. Consider 21:25 and 26:16. What may be the roots or causes of the sluggard's laziness?
7. Why do you think diligence is such an important part of walking on the wise and righteous path? And what areas of life do you think these principles apply?

Application

- Think of all the areas in your life where diligence is needed and reflect on how diligent you've been. Commit to making any necessary changes with a focus on the wisdom taught here in Proverbs about the behaviors of the diligent and the sluggard.