

The Book of Proverbs

Godly Wisdom for Everyday Life

SSBC Proverbs Bible Study # 5

Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.

Passage: Proverbs 15:3

Related Passages: 16:2; 17:3; 21:2

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The LORD is omniscient and searches our hearts.

This weeks study concentrates on the “all knowing” character of God. Did you ever wonder what it would be like to know everything there is about a subject? What it would be like to be an expert in a subject field.? Can you even imagine what it would be like to know everything about everything?

That is what the Bible says about God. God is omniscient. But that is not all, God is also omnipresent, holy, and righteous. These all have a bearing on who God is and why he demands certain actions from his followers.

The amazing thing is that God takes a rebellious person and works in him through the Holy Spirit and a willing heart to make that person into a follower of Jesus Christ and a person who can change the world around him. How can this happen, stay tuned and let's see how the story begins.

3. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- ◆ **S**ins to avoid
- ◆ **P**romises to believe
- ◆ **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- ◆ **C**ommands to obey
- ◆ **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them — listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

4. Proverbs 15:3 tells us that the eyes of the Lord are everywhere keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Knowing that the eyes of the Lord are everywhere, does it make a difference in how you think, act or in your relationships with others? Should it?

5. The theme of this weeks study is that the Lord is omniscient and searches our hearts. The word "omniscient" means "all knowing". In the New Testament, we read that the word of God "exposes our inmost thoughts and desires," (See Hebrews 4:12-13, NLT). How do these facts make you feel? What should our response be?

6. What does God's omniscience teach us about finding acceptance with God by our "good works?" (Psalm 51:6 & 10).

7. How can the heart be made clean? (Hebrews 9:14)

8. Proverbs 17:3 and 21:2 tells us that the Lord tests our hearts. Why does God search and test our hearts? (See Deuteronomy 13:1-4)

9. How do trials relate to God searching our hearts? (See James 1:2-4)

10. How can you apply what you have learned in this study to your life?

This week we have been looking at our all knowing God who searches the heart and tests the heart of man to see where the heart stands in relation to God's heart. Where is your heart. Do you have a heart for God living in you? You can or you can get started right now by just asking the Lord Jesus to come into your heart and asking for forgiveness of your sinfulness. Romans 3:23 says that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 says that the "wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Won't you pause right now to look deep into your heart and surrender it to the Lord? Accept the Lord Jesus as your personal savior today.

Memory Verse

Proverbs 16:2

All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD

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