

The Book of Proverbs

Godly Wisdom for Everyday Life

SSBC Proverbs Bible Study # 19 Review

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 (Review)

Related Passages: From Studies 10—17

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A Portrait of the Wise

For this the last Sunday of the Mission's conference, we are going to look back at the portrait of the wise person in Proverbs and compare it with the portrayal of wisdom elsewhere in the Bible.

Does the rest of the Bible provide examples of wisdom that reinforce the principles that we have seen in Proverbs? Is the teaching of wisdom the same in the New Testament? Let's look in the New Testament for the characteristics of wisdom we drew from Proverbs over the last few weeks.

As we review of Proverbs studies 10 through 17 may God give us wisdom by his grace in Jesus Christ.

1. Below are some of the verses we studied during weeks ten through seventeen. Take time to read them and make some fresh observations.

Scripture	Your Observation & Questions
<p>Week #10 - The wise recognize their sin and need of mercy and wisdom. 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.</p>	
<p>Week #11 - The wise are upheld by their integrity. 10:9 The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.</p>	
<p>Week #12 - The wise benefit from their kindness. 11:16 A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth. 11:17 A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.</p>	
<p>Week #13 - The wise are concerned with substance over appearances. 13:7 One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.</p>	

Scripture	Your Observation & Questions
<p>Week #14 - The wise humble themselves before God and men. 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.</p>	
<p>Week #15 - The wise are not easily angered. 14:16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.</p>	
<p>14:17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.</p>	
<p>Week#16-The wise love discipline. 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.</p>	
<p>9:9 Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning</p>	
<p>Week #17-The wise are thoughtful and discerning. 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.</p>	

2. Next, use this chart to interpret some key observations.

a. From the chart on the previous pages, select a few of your observations & questions that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and then interpret and apply each of them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father,? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it Say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

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

- ◆ **Sins** to avoid
- ◆ **Promises** to believe
- ◆ **Examples** to follow (remember "SPECK")
- ◆ **Commands** to obey
- ◆ **Knowledge** 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?

We hope that you have found this study thought provoking and changing. As we have seen in the various sections of the New Testament that we have looked at in this study, the Bible is true to itself. Wisdom does go hand in hand with putting on the armor of God and living a life of love for our fellow human beings.

Do you know how to put on the armor of God? It all begins with acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord and that he came to save sinners of which we all are included. We have to ask Jesus into our hearts and commit our lives to following him in obedience to his word—the word of God. Take time right now, if you have never done so and commit your life to Christ and follow him.

Then you need to spend time daily reading God's word and meditating on it. Read the word and think about what it says and how you can apply it to your life.

We can all put on the spiritual armor of God by reading God's Word, meditating on it, living in obedience to what it says, sharing the Gospel with others and trusting in Christ for all our needs.

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