

LEARNING & LIVING

From The Proverbs



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Introduction

We are about to begin a very exciting study from the book of Proverbs. The book of Proverbs is a compilation of true sayings that give wisdom and instruction. More than ever, what people need is WISDOM! God's word provides us with the wisdom that we need. While many people have a lot of knowledge there are many who are lacking true wisdom. Sadly, many Christians lack the wisdom that we need in our lives. God's word is inspired, and provides us with all that we need for our lives, 2 Timothy 3:16. The question is whether or not we will listen to it.

Proverbs begins by instructing its readers to LEARN and LIVE. Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." So, the question for all of us is this: Will we be wise or will we be a fool? Let's be wise and learn what God wants us to know. This quarter we are going to enjoy a great feast of wisdom from the Proverbs.

The book of Proverbs provides us with the wisdom we need with respect to our children, our marriages, our friends, our jobs, our finances, our speech, etc. While it provides us with wisdom for every area of our lives we must decide whether we will listen to it or not. The choice is ours.

This quarter we are going to do a couple of things with respect to Proverbs.

- **First:** I want the class to read the entire book. If you read a chapter a day you could be done in one month. I would encourage you to read one chapter a day. This will allow you to immerse yourself in the Proverbs. While you will not remember everything, it will help you to get a good feel of the book.
- **Second:** Our study when we meet here will be topical in nature. There's so much to discuss, and trying to do a chapter-by-chapter study I think would be too much to digest. So, my goal is to have a different topic for each of our classes. This will allow visitors to be able to join in and also allow you to pick right back up with the group if you happen to miss some classes.
- **Third:** While this will be a topical study, we will still not be able to address every passage that Proverbs may have concerning a particular topic. This is where you come in. As you read through the book in its entirety, when you come across a passage that may

pertain to one of our lessons, you will be able to go back to that particular session and jot down that text in the space provided in that lesson. This will allow you to have an even better understanding of God's word.

I'm sure you have read Proverbs in the past. If so, then that's great! If this is your first time reading it, you need to know that your life will be changed forever.

How familiar are you with respect to the book of Proverbs? Let's consider a couple of questions.

Answer the following questions.

Who wrote the book of Proverbs?

What is a proverb?

Below are some additional details about the book of Proverbs.

- Proverbs is grouped together with the other poetic books of the Bible (Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon).
- Unlike other books in the Bible, one does not necessarily have to have all of the background information about the book (date, who wrote it, when it was written, etc.). The book itself is easy to read. Some put the date of Proverbs from 971–686 B.C.

- There are a number of words that are repeated throughout the book of Proverbs. Words like...
 - **Wisdom**, Proverbs 1:7 “Wisdom is the overruling term with which all of the following words are used interchangeably. The common usage of the word “wisdom” describes one who has the skill to apply knowledge in the correct way. In Proverbs, “wisdom” carries the underlying idea of seeing things from God’s point of view. That is why *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (wisdom)*, Proverbs 1:7; 9:10.
 - **Instruction** (discipline) – Teaching that includes correction and chastisement.
 - **Knowledge** (insight) – Having the information that enables deciding the best methods for achieving one’s goals.
 - **Understanding** – Comprehension of facts in a way that depth of insight between right and wrong is discerned.
 - **Discretion** – Clear thinking that results in good judgment and reasonable action.
 - **Prudence** – The ability to make shrewd judgments.

- The Proverbs say a lot about the FOOL! Throughout the book we will read about the conduct of the fool contrasted with the conduct of the wise. “Different words are used that describe attitudes which cause one to be foolish.
 - **Simple** (naive) – One who does not think for himself. He is easily enticed and will gullibly believe anything.
 - **Scoffer** (scorner) – His problem is not mental, but spiritual. Obstinate and stubborn, he openly ridicules and contends against the way of wisdom.

- The book of Proverbs contains figurative language that will be important to know.
 - Figures of speech are found throughout the Bible. Although the Bible is to be interpreted as literal, just like other writings it also contains figures of speech,

Joshua 2:11. Just as we use figurative language, so does God as He communicates to us through His word.

- A figure of speech “is a word, a phrase, or an expression used in an imaginative rather than a literal sense.” For example, in Luke 13:32 Jesus said, “Go and tell that fox...” Jesus was speaking about Herod. Obviously, Herod was not a fox! But describing Herod in this manner says a lot about the man! “The purpose behind the use of a figurative expression is to intensify the idea being conveyed.” The figure adds force, feeling, and color to the thought.
- As you read the Proverbs you will see how “Wisdom” is often personified as a woman, Proverbs 9:1-6. Wisdom is often painted as being upright, honest, true, helpful, and faithful.
- You will see **Simile** being used throughout the book. *A simile* is a comparison of two different things using the words “like” or “as,” Proverbs 25:11-14.
- You will see **Metaphors** being used throughout the book. A metaphor is an implied comparison between two things, which are different. In a metaphor the words of comparison --- *like, as, as...so is, and such as* --- *are not used*. An example is John 6:48, where Jesus says, “I am the bread of life.”
- In the book of Proverbs, you will see different styles by which the Proverbs are constructed. For example, some of the Proverbs will be...
 - **Synonymous:** (A statement is made, then made again in different words). “*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling*” Proverbs 16:18.
 - **Contrasting:** (The truth expressed in the first clause is opposite of the second). “*The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight*” Proverbs 15:8.

- **Progressive:** (The second clause develops the idea expressed in the first). *“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”* Proverbs 14:12.
- **Consequences:** (This will cause that to occur). *“Commit your works to the LORD and your plans will be established”* Proverbs 16:3.
- **Equivalents:** (This is identical with that). *“Where no oxen are, the manger is clean...”* Proverbs 14:4.
- A basic outline of the book of Proverbs
 - 1:1-7 – Purpose and Theme
 - 1:8-9:18 – A Father’s Wise Counsel to a Son
 - 10:1-22:16 – Proverbs of Solomon: Practical Values for Life
 - 22:17-24:34 – Proverbs from Anonymous Wise Men
 - 25:1-29:27 – Proverbs of Solomon: Hezekiah’s Edition
 - 30:1-33 – Proverbs of Agur
 - 31:1-31 – Proverbs of King Lemuel

The information above should get us started for our study. We could make this study really deep if we wanted to. What we need to do though is LEARN and LIVE! God has spoken! We need to listen. When we do, our lives will be much better.

Reading these Proverbs will be easy to do. In fact, you could come to class not having done any of your reading and pick up quickly what’s being discussed. But this isn’t merely about reading the text. It’s about living the text. It’s about being wise as opposed to being foolish! It’s about truly listening and applying what we learn. That’s our goal for the next quarter and the rest of our lives.

I look forward to studying with you.

Lesson 1: Reverence for God

As the people of God, we should have reverence for our God. The Bible is a book about God. While the Bible shows us what God has done for mankind, it's also a book that reveals the mind of God.

The Proverbs remind us that we should have reverence for our God. But what exactly does that mean? How would you define "reverence"?

What do the Proverbs say about man having reference for God? This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 1:7** _____

2. **Proverbs 23:17** _____

3. **Proverbs 14:27** _____

4. **Proverbs 3:7** _____

5. **Proverbs 10:27** _____

6. Proverbs 15:16 _____

7. Proverbs 23:17 _____

8. Proverbs 22:4 _____

9. Proverbs 28:14 _____

10. Proverbs 15:16 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 2: Trust in God

We learned in our last study that we should have the proper fear and respect for God. The Proverbs also remind us that we need to trust in the Lord.

We can never talk enough about trusting in God. It's a theme that we find throughout the Scriptures. It's what God wants us to do.

What do the Proverbs say about man trusting in God? This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them about trusting in God.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 3:5-6** _____

2. **Proverbs 11:28** _____

3. **Proverbs 16:20** _____

4. **Proverbs 20:24** _____

5. **Proverbs 21:31** _____

6. **Proverbs 22:17-19** _____

7. Proverbs 28:25 _____

8. Proverbs 28:26 _____

9. Proverbs 29:25 _____

10. Proverbs 30:5 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how will they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 3: Listen to God's Word

God has spoken to us through His revealed word, 2 Timothy 3:16. We have everything we need to guide us in this life and to prepare us for eternity. The question is whether or not we will really listen to God's word.

Throughout the Proverbs we are reminded about the importance of listening to God's instructions. A wise man will listen. A wise man will not only listen but also apply what he has heard in his life.

What do the Proverbs say about man listening to God? This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 1:5 _____

2. Proverbs 3:1-4 _____

3. Proverbs 4:20-22 _____

4. Proverbs 7:1-3 _____

5. Proverbs 8:32-33 _____

6. Proverbs 13:14 _____

7. Proverbs 16:20 _____

8. Proverbs 19:20-21 _____

9. Proverbs 22:17-18 _____

10. Proverbs 28:9 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how will they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 4: Fools and Folly

We all know “That Guy” or “That Woman” who seems to make really foolish decisions. Hopefully “That Guy” or “That Woman” is not us!

We have seen so far that we should trust in God. His way is always the right way. We need to listen and then apply the wisdom He has given us. When we don’t we are being FOOLISH!

The Proverbs say a lot about those who are foolish. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 1:7 _____

2. Proverbs 1:22-23 _____

3. Proverbs 1:32-33 _____

4. Proverbs 3:35 _____

5. Proverbs 5:23 _____

6. Proverbs 9:13 _____

7. Proverbs 10:14 _____

8. Proverbs 14:9 _____

9. Proverbs 10:21 _____

10. Proverbs 14:7 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 5: Friendship

A lot can be known about a person by who their friends are. While someone may have 1,000 friends on Facebook, how many can say that they have true friends?

Having true friendships in our lives is very important.

The Proverbs say a lot about friendships. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 17:9 _____

2. Proverbs 17:17 _____

3. Proverbs 18:19 _____

4. Proverbs 18:24 _____

5. Proverbs 22:24 _____

6. Proverbs 27:5 _____

7. Proverbs 27:6 _____

8. Proverbs 27:9 _____

9. Proverbs 27:10 _____

10. Proverbs 27:17 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 6: Marriage and the Sexual Relationship

God instituted marriage in the beginning. Everything that God created in the beginning was good! Sadly, the devil has perverted the marital relationship. He has perverted the sexual relationship between a man and a woman that is supposed to be enjoyed in marriage.

Many have been deceived. Yet God has given us all we need when it comes to our marriages and the sexual relationship. We must decide whether or not we will trust what He says.

The Proverbs say a lot about marriage and the sexual relationship. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 2:10-19 _____

2. Proverbs 5:1-23 _____

3. Proverbs 6:23-35 _____

4. Proverbs 7:1-27 _____

5. Proverbs 12:4 _____

6. Proverbs 14:1 _____

7. Proverbs 17:1 _____

8. Proverbs 18:22 _____

9. Proverbs 30:21,23 _____

10. Proverbs 31:10,11,28 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages teach how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 7: Parenting and Children

Being a parent is a great responsibility. How we raise our children is a big deal in the eyes of God.

There are numerous passages that some may be familiar with when it comes to parents and instructions for children, Ephesians 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:5-9.

The Proverbs provide a lot of wisdom for parents and for children. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 22:6 _____

2. Proverbs 23:13-14 _____

3. Proverbs 22:15 _____

4. Proverbs 13:24 _____

5. Proverbs 1:8-9 _____

6. Proverbs 4:10-12 _____

7. Proverbs 10:1 _____

8. Proverbs 15:5 _____

9. Proverbs 17:6 _____

10. Proverbs 19:26 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how will they affect how you live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 8: Money

Would you be surprised if I were to tell you that the Bible says a lot about money? For some, that comes as a big surprise!

Yet the Scriptures are filled with wisdom when it comes to our finances. There's much more information concerning money than just giving on the first day of the week.

The Proverbs provide a lot of wisdom with respect to our money. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 3:9-10 _____

2. Proverbs 11:28 _____

3. Proverbs 13:11 _____

4. Proverbs 13:22 _____

5. Proverbs 14:20 _____

6. Proverbs 23:4-5 _____

7. Proverbs 22:7 _____

8. Proverbs 30:8-9 _____

9. Proverbs 27:23-24 _____

10. Proverbs 28:20 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 9: The Tongue

The Bible says a lot about the power of words. In James 3:1-12, we are reminded about the tongue. With the tongue we can bless God and we can curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

A wise man will be careful with his speech! We can do a lot of good with the words that we say, or we can do a lot of bad. We get to choose! Our words can encourage our spouses and children. Sadly, our words can also destroy our homes.

The Proverbs provide a lot of wisdom with respect to the tongue. This is what we will investigate. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 4:24** _____

2. **Proverbs 6:1-2** _____

3. **Proverbs 8:13** _____

4. **Proverbs 10:11** _____

5. **Proverbs 10:19** _____

6. Proverbs 10:20-21 _____

7. Proverbs 12:13 _____

8. Proverbs 13:3 _____

9. Proverbs 14:3 _____

10. Proverbs 14:23 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 10: Gossip

In our last lesson we discussed the power of the tongue. In this lesson we will continue with the thought of being wise with our speech. The book of Proverbs says a lot about gossip. The Bible says a lot about gossip.

What is gossip? How would you define it?

The Proverbs provide a lot about gossip and why we should avoid it. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 6:16-19** _____

2. **Proverbs 11:9** _____

3. **Proverbs 11:13** _____

4. **Proverbs 16:27-28** _____

5. **Proverbs 17:9** _____

6. Proverbs 18:8 _____

7. Proverbs 26:22 _____

8. Proverbs 20:19 _____

9. Proverbs 25:9-10 _____

10. Proverbs 26:20 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 11: Making Assumptions

It's a difficult battle to overcome. I'm referring to the battle of making assumptions. Do you struggle with making assumptions about something or someone, only to find out that you were wrong?

Can you name anyone in the scriptures who made some assumptions? Take some time to think about some of the stories in the Old and New Testament. Use the space below to write down your answers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 18:13 _____

2. Proverbs 25:8-10 _____

3. Proverbs 29:20 _____

4. Proverbs 3:7-8 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 12: Self- Control

The fruit of the Spirit according to Galatians 5 is self-control. Self-control is a spiritual quality every Christian should have, 1 Peter 1:6. We will never be the people that God wants us to be without having self-control.

The Proverbs provide a lot about self-control and what we need to know. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 14:29 _____

2. Proverbs 15:18 _____

3. Proverbs 16:32 _____

4. Proverbs 19:11 _____

5. Proverbs 21:17 _____

6. Proverbs 23:1-3 _____

7. Proverbs 25:15 _____

8. Proverbs 25:16 _____

9. Proverbs 25:27 _____

10. Proverbs 25:28 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 13: Alcohol

“To Drink or Not To Drink?” That is the question! It’s always an interesting conversation when the topic of drinking is the topic. There are a lot of views out there with respect to how we should view consuming alcohol. Obviously, God’s way is always the best way.

This lesson will consider a number of passages from the Proverbs. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them. Imagine that you were going through these passages with a young person. What would you want them to know about consuming alcohol?

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 20:1** _____

2. **Proverbs 23:20-21** _____

3. **Proverbs 23:29-35** _____

4. **Proverbs 31:4-7** _____

5. **Proverbs 3:9-10** _____

6. **Proverbs 9:1-6** _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 14: Pride

It is something that we all struggle with from time to time. I'm referring to pride! It's easy to see that someone else may struggle with pride. Yet, it's sometimes difficult for us to see our own challenges with it.

Jesus said in Mark 7:20, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

The Proverbs say a lot about the problem of pride and why we should avoid it. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 6:16,17** _____

2. **Proverbs 8:13** _____

3. **Proverbs 11:2** _____

4. **Proverbs 13:10** _____

5. **Proverbs 15:25** _____

6. Proverbs 16:5 _____

7. Proverbs 16:18 _____

8. Proverbs 21:24 _____

9. Proverbs 26:12 _____

10. Proverbs 30:32 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 15: Government

There's one verse that we would all do well to remember. It's found in 1 Peter 2:17. Peter said, "Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." This verse covers all of our relationships. Yet, it is a hard passage to put into action. Particularly when it comes to honoring the king. This verse may be easier depending on whether or not your candidate is in office.

We need to live by this passage. We need to remember that God is in control. We need to also remember what's mentioned about governments in the book of Proverbs. You may be surprised.

Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 8:15-16 _____

2. Proverbs 11:10-11 _____

3. Proverbs 14:34 _____

4. Proverbs 16:12 _____

5. Proverbs 16:13 _____

6. Proverbs 20:28 _____

7. Proverbs 28:2 _____

8. Proverbs 28:16 _____

9. Proverbs 29:2 _____

10. Proverbs 29:14 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 16: Three and Four Things

There's an interesting section in the book of Proverbs found in chapter 30. There's a phrase that is repeated numerous times. It goes like this: "There are three things...Four..."

There's a series of interesting statements found in Proverbs 30:15-33. In this lesson we want to address these riddles, to see what we can learn from them. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 30:15-17** _____

2. **Proverbs 30:18-20** _____

3. **Proverbs 30:21-23** _____

4. **Proverbs 30:24-28** _____

5. **Proverbs 30:29-33** _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 17: The Proverbs 31 Woman

It's a chapter that many women are familiar with in the Bible. I'm referring to Proverbs 31! What makes this chapter so unique? Why are so many women drawn to it?

In this lesson, I would like us to examine Proverbs 31:10-31. While much is said about men in the book of Proverbs, the same can be said about women! Women should be familiar with the traits of the woman described in this chapter. Men should also be reading this chapter as they look for a wife.

The format of this lesson will be different. Here's what I want you to do. I have already given you the text that we will consider. Now, I want you to break it up.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 31:10-12 _____

2. Proverbs 31:13-15 _____

3. Proverbs 31:16-18 _____

4. Proverbs 31:19-21 _____

5. Proverbs 31:22-24 _____

6. Proverbs 31:25-27 _____

7. Proverbs 31:28-31 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 18: Be Diligent

In 2 Peter 1:5, the apostle Peter said, “Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge...”

Diligence means “constant, earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken; persistent exertion of body or mind.” As Christians, we are to be diligent. The Proverbs speak a lot about this idea of being diligent.

What other New Testament passages come to mind that talk about the idea of being diligent? List a few below.

Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 4:23** _____

2. **Proverbs 10:4-5** _____

3. **Proverbs 12:24** _____

4. **Proverbs 12:27** _____

5. Proverbs 13:4 _____

6. Proverbs 21:5 _____

7. Proverbs 22:29 _____

8. Proverbs 27:23,27 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 19: Do We Hate What God Hates?

Proverbs 6:16-19 says, “There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.”

There are some things that God hates. Therefore, there are some things that we should hate! But do we really hate the things that we should? Do we love the very things that God hates?

The Proverbs say a lot about “hating” certain things. The word “hate” is a powerful word. It means to dislike intensely or passionately. Take some time to read the Proverbs listed below. As you read them identify what you can learn from them.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. **Proverbs 8:13** _____

2. **Proverbs 10:12** _____

3. **Proverbs 10:18** _____

4. **Proverbs 11:12** _____

5. **Proverbs 12:1** _____

6. Proverbs 13:5 _____

7. Proverbs 15:10 _____

8. Proverbs 26:24-26 _____

9. Proverbs 26:28 _____

(LIVE)

After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered

Lesson 20: Crucial Conversations

In life we will have what's called "Crucial Conversations." These are conversations that you will be learning a lot more about throughout the next three months.

David Banning will be teaching the crucial conversations material. He will begin the class this coming Wednesday. Since he is not here, I will teach one more class from the Proverbs. As you go through the crucial conversation material, you will learn a lot about being careful with your speech. We can get ourselves into a lot of trouble with what we say, and how we say things. It's often the things we say that can get us into what's called a crucial conversation with someone else. It's often what we say that can make a crucial conversation turn into something really bad.

We are reminded throughout the scriptures about the power of the tongue, James 3:1-12. The Proverbs also say a lot about our speech, and how we need to be careful. Let's get a sneak preview of some scriptures from the Proverbs that speak about the tongue.

(LEARN) Passages to Ponder

1. Proverbs 18:13 _____

2. Proverbs 25:8-10 _____

3. Proverbs 29:20 _____

4. Proverbs 4:24 _____

5. Proverbs 10:11 _____

6. Proverbs 12:13 _____

7. Proverbs 16:27-28 _____

8. Proverbs 26:22 _____

9. Proverbs 20:19 _____

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After considering what these passages are teaching how should they affect how we live?

Additional Passages That You Have Discovered