

Date	Proverbs	
	Ch. *	
7/1/2019	20	Sinful actions stem from the control alcohol exercises over the one who overindulges. We are to be controlled by the Holy Spirit so we are empowered to produce godly characteristics.
7/2/2019	21	Faith in Jesus' finished work is the only hope all sinners have for escaping sure ruin from the hand of the Righteous One.
7/3/2019	22	God will use the discipline and instruction of the parents to start their children off in the way they should go, and the child may rebel or may follow the path. This is a message of hope that the rebelling child may return to God.
7/4/2019	23	Be content with what God has provided. Overindulgence in food or drink leads to terrible consequences. Jesus' death provides forgiveness for all who lack self-control and will turn to him.
7/5/2019	24	Laziness is a sin according to Proverbs. Jesus transforms those who believe in him into his image - including overcoming laziness.
7/6/2019		
7/7/2019		
7/8/2019	25	Proverbs and Paul (Ro 12:17-21) say that the way to let grudges go is by trusting God's justice.
7/9/2019	26	Wisdom is the discernment to know when to answer and when not to answer a fool. Jesus kept silent when he knew his reply would do no good.
7/10/2019	27	These verses say that having a friend who will tell the truth is valuable - even when that truth is difficult or unwelcome.
7/11/2019	28	Jesus models for believers a generous lifestyle and grants the ability to be generous in sharing the gospel - true spiritual wealth.
7/12/2019	29	Jesus is the ideal king.
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7/15/2019	30	The author of this Proverb is Agur, the son of Jakeh. Human wisdom is limited, true wisdom belongs to God.
7/16/2019	31	Proverbs begins with the command to fear the Lord and ends with the picture of a woman who fulfilled this command.
*commentary adapted from "The Jesus Bible NIV 2018" and "Life Application Bible 1991"		

Proverbs Reading Plan

June 4 - July 16, 2019
5 minutes a day
5 days a week



Three Reasons to Study the Book of Proverbs

1. In Order to Gain Wisdom
2. In Order to Learn Prudence
3. In Order to Receive Knowledge

(BibleStudyCourses.com)

The topics demonstrate the complexity of human existence. From money to marriage, power to possessions, Proverbs presents practical wisdom for those seeking to follow God faithfully.

The main contrast is between wisdom and foolishness. **Foolishness** is presented as our natural propensity, and without Gods help, ultimately culminating in death and destruction in this life and the next. **Wisdom** is a gift from God and is the path to the life he intends.

Jesus is the embodiment of the divine wisdom spoken of throughout Proverbs.

(The Jesus Bible NIV 2018)

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6/4/2019	1	The wisdom principle is clear both here and throughout Proverbs. Those who gain money the wrong way bring about their own destruction eventually either while alive or after death.
6/5/2019	2	As Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Those who reject Jesus will be exiled from God forever.
6/6/2019	3	Solomon personified wisdom as a woman. Personification gives human characteristics to an abstract idea. Wisdom is a feminine noun in Hebrew and what would be more appealing for Solomon's son to embrace the wisdom of Proverbs than an alluring woman.
6/7/2019	4	Get wisdom, get understanding...
6/8/2019		
6/9/2019		
6/10/2019	5	Solomon personified foolishness - a predator hunting people down and trying to keep them, often through sexual temptation.
6/11/2019	6	These verses are not a plea against generosity, but against overextending one's financial resources and acting in irresponsible ways that could lead to poverty.
6/12/2019	7	Although this advice is directed toward men, women should heed it as well. Without aim or direction, an empty life is unstable, vulnerable to many temptations.
6/13/2019	8	Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who guides us. Be sure to open all corners of your life to God's direction and guidance.
6/14/2019	9	According to Solomon, wisdom is based on the fear of the Lord.
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6/17/2019	10	Solomon described the human life as a walk. It is impossible to walk with God apart from Jesus. All people have an inborn sin nature.

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6/18/2019	11	Pride(foolishness) and humility(wisdom) are defining traits of the human heart.
6/19/2019	12	The only righteous one in history is Jesus Christ. Humanity is sinful, however Jesus died for us so we can believe and receive eternal life.
6/20/2019	13	You have not mastered self-control if you do not control what you say. Stop and think before you react or speak.
6/21/2019	14	When someone crosses you, and you feel your blood pressure rising, ask yourself, "How can I show goodwill to this person?"
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6/23/2019		
6/24/2019	15	While God is aware of every prayer he does not respond to the prayers of wicked. That's why people pray in Jesus' name: it is only through Jesus that the prayers of the sinful humans can be heard and answered!
6/25/2019	16	God is ultimately in control and his good purpose will prevail. Even the wicked, who seem to avoid destruction in this life, will surely face the judgement of God. God extends his mercy and is patient.
6/26/2019	17	The pseudo-wisdom that guides life, more often than not, leads to destruction and disaster - shattered dreams, broken promises and failure.
6/27/2019	18	This points to Jesus Christ, who is a friend that is better than family. In Christ, we have the friend we need and we can become the kind of friend that others need.
6/28/2019	19	Compassion for the poor and the outcast is a mark of God's people. "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18
6/29/2019		
6/30/2019		