

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



PROVERBS

MEMORIZATION – Proverbs 1:7 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

Chapter 1

1. Each day you read from Proverbs, choose a verse from the reading, write it down, and meditate on it throughout the day.

2. As you read chapters one through nine, match them to the proper themes.

Chapter:

Chapters 1-4 _____

Chapter 5 _____

Chapter 6 _____

Chapter 7 _____

Chapter 8 _____

Chapter 9 _____

Themes (use some more than once):

a) Wisdom

b) Adultery/Prostitution

c) Laziness

3. Read the purposes (listed in 1:1-6) of these proverbs. Which of these purposes would you most like to see fulfilled in your own life?

4. What does ill-gotten gain do to the lives of those who get it?

5. Is Wisdom a “he” or a “she”?

Chapter 2

1. You will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God “if you _____ for it _____ and _____ for it as for _____.”

Chapter 3

1. "Trust in the Lord with all your _____ and lean not on _____
_____ _____; in all your ways _____ _____, and He will
make your paths straight."

2. "My son, do not despise the _____ _____ and do not _____
His _____, because the Lord disciplines those He _____, as a
_____ the _____ he delights in."

Chapter 4

Extra credit: In 4:1-9 Solomon speaks of when he was a boy in his father's house. We've read in the past of this father's failures as a parent, but here we have a positive reference. Who is Solomon's father?

1. "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is _____
_____."

2. Linger over these words of chapter 4. Which verse especially speaks to your heart?

Chapter 5

1. Wise words to a husband and his wife: "...may you ever be captivated by her love." If you are married, pray these words:

- a) Pray that your wife/husband will ever be captivated by your love.
- b) Pray that you will ever be captivated by your wife's/husband's love.

Chapter 6 and 7 – none

Chapter 8

1. "Who" is speaking in 8:4-36?

Chapter 9

1. Compare wisdom and folly in chapter 9. Who calls out from the highest point of the city "Let all who are simple come in here!" (circle one):

- a) wisdom
- b) folly
- c) both

2. "The _____ is the beginning of _____."

Chapter 10

1. As you read the "Proverbs of Solomon" (chapters 10-22:16), mark your favorites.

2. "The memory of the righteous will be a _____, but the name of the wicked will _____."

Chapter 11

1. This one makes me smile. "Like a gold ring in a _____ is a beautiful woman who _____."

Chapter 12

1. Good words to remember in chapter 12: "A _____ shows his annoyance _____, but a pleasant man _____ an _____."

Chapter 13 - none

Chapters 14-17

1. In chapter 14: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the _____ it leads to _____." Watch for this verse to be repeated word for word in a later chapter. List both references.

2. Keep reading and making note of your favorites.

Chapter 18

1. In chapter 18: “The name of the Lord is a _____; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

Throughout history people have sought protection within the walls of towers, cities, castles, forts, etc. Meditate on this picture of seeking sanctuary, safety, and protection by calling on the name of the Lord.

Chapter 19

1. A picturesque phrase in chapter 19: “...a quarrelsome wife is like a _____.”

Chapter 20

1. A little touch of the unexpected in chapter 20: “A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a _____ who talks too much.”

Chapter 21

1. “To do what is _____ and _____ is more acceptable to the Lord than _____.”

2. “There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed _____. The horse is made ready for battle, but the victory rests _____.”

Chapter 22

1. A classic parenting verse: “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he _____.”

Chapters 23-25

1. Keep reading and making note of your favorites.

Chapter 26

1. Fill in the blanks of this verse: “Without _____ a fire _____; without _____ a quarrel _____. As _____ to _____ and as _____ to _____, so is a _____ man for kindling _____.”

Chapter 27

1. Yet another reference to a recurring theme: “A quarrelsome wife is like a _____ on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining _____ or grasping _____ with the _____.”

Chapter 28

1. Blunt and memorable: “He who trusts in himself is a _____.”

Chapter 29 – none

Chapter 30

1. Such poetic words! Do these words in chapter 30 sound a bit like the words of the Book of Job?
 - a) How does God gather up the wind?
 - b) How does God wrap up the waters?
2. The writer asks that the Lord give him neither poverty nor riches.
 - a) What may happen if he has too much?
 - b) What may happen if he is poor?
 - c) Consequently, we can conclude that whenever we sin what happens?

3. The writer asks that the Lord give him neither poverty nor riches, “but give me only my daily bread.” Read Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

Chapter 31

1. According to the beginning of chapter 31 a king’s (or government’s) responsibility is to:

- a) speak up for whom?
- b) speak up for whose rights?
- c) speak up and judge _____
- d) defend whose rights?

Trick question: The Proverbs chapter 31 woman. Mrs. Perfect. She’s a mix of Martha Stewart, Mother Theresa, Oprah Winfrey, and Mary (the mother of Jesus). Make note of all the passages that deal with this perfect woman’s physical beauty of face or body.

2. Write down two or three of the adjectives used to describe this woman.

3. “_____ is deceptive, and _____ is fleeting; but a woman who _____ is to be praised.”

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