



Intro Letter

Proverbs

Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Proverbs.

Studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Proverbs, in particular, is a collection of practical life wisdom designed to teach us how to live and act.

This study includes 10 lessons, a cover sheet and a dictionary. Each lesson has a memory verse, 15-20 questions, a Take Away and a Blessing. They are written with the New Living Translation (NLT), but any translation will add to your experience.

These lessons are beneficial to anyone but are geared toward 10-15 year olds. This age group is experiencing major changes developmentally - physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. It is a time of having questions about God, about self and about where they fit in the world. These lessons were created to help students think critically and wrestle through who they are and what they believe.

Teenagers are inundated with technology but starving for relationship. If possible, complete the lesson on your own and then discuss it together to learn from each other.

Proverbs contains hundreds of applicable real-life wisdom. When you have wisdom, you have meaning, purpose and true success. As you study Proverbs, may you find God's answers to the questions you are asking.

"Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3

May the Lord use these lessons to help you develop a personal, life-long love for God's Word and encourage you to connect in a community that prays, supports and shares life together!

Enjoy!



Dictionary

Proverbs

anger (God's anger)	God's attitude and response to sin.
anger (Man's anger)	feelings of hostility toward a person or something that has wronged or injured you.
attitude	what someone feels inside about a person or idea; typically reflected in their manner or behavior.
authority	the power or right to control, command or dictate people or events; Jesus is the ultimate authority in any Christian's life.
believe	to accept as true or real; trust; have confidence in; have faith in; make a commitment to. Faith.
Bible	God's autobiography; God's plan for the world; a love letter to us; an instruction manual on how to act and live.
 blessing	an affirmation of God's love and approval. It is a deep, abiding sense that we are secure in His presence.
Christ	Jesus Christ; anointed Son of God; the Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
confess	acknowledge your sins before God.
disciple	"student"; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ want to think and live like Him.
discernment	the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong; to think biblically.
endurance	withstanding hardship; strength to continue or last. See perseverance.
envy	feelings of discontent and resentment over the desire for possessions or qualities of another.
eternal life	life that begins when a person turns from sin in commitment to Jesus. Supreme quality of life on earth as well as unending life with God.
exalt	to raise someone to a higher level; to praise someone highly; to present someone in a way that is too favorable.
faith	trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.
fear of the Lord	to respect who God is, what He says, and what He does; a respect that leads to obedience and love of God; profound reverence and awe toward God; true honor, devotion, obedience and love of God.
forgiveness	to pardon sins.

glory	divine quality; splendor, beauty and radiance of God's presence.
God	The One who is all-powerful; all-knowing; present everywhere at once; unchanging; above the bounds of time; absolutely right to govern His creation; Holy.
Godly	fearing, loving and obeying God, desiring His presence and fellowship.
Godly character	recognizing God's right way from the wrong, and to voluntarily surrender one's own will to do what is right in God's sight and, with the Holy Spirit's help, to resist the wrong even under pressure and temptation.
Good News/ gospel	"good news"; story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. The message that God sent His Son Jesus to take away our sins by dying on the cross and resurrecting to life again to save all who trust in Him
grace	God's free and undeserved love toward sinful humans that never quits. God's favor. God's power to help us do whatever we need to do.
guard your heart	keeping your heart pure and safe by protecting it from evil and focusing on God.
haughty	arrogantly superior and condescending.
heart	inner thoughts and feelings; the real me living inside that thinks, feels, and decides; my character or personality.
heaven	God's home and where those who have believed in Jesus as their Savior go when they die.
hell	a place of punishment for those who die without believing in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
His will	what God wants us to be doing, which includes His commandments and our obedience to them.
holy	set apart for use by God; a continual work by the HS in the lives of Christians. A life like God wants you to live.
Holy Spirit (HS)	God's Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God's truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God's ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.
honor	show highest respect for.
hope	believe with confidence that God will accomplish what He has promised; that God will be faithful to do what He said He would do; that we trust God even if we never find out why something happens.
humility	a modest view of one's own importance; seeing ourselves as God sees us; recognizing that all we have comes from God.
hypocrisy	pretending to be something you are not and have no intention of being.
jealous	feeling of wanting something someone else has; feeling of being angry at someone because they have what you want.
Jesus	The Christ; anointed Son of God; true Messiah; Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
joy	deep feeling of contentment; evidence of a Holy Spirit filled life.
judgment	act or process of judging - only God's to decide and carry out.

Kingdom of God	Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. Jesus has come but He will come again.
law	God's rules for living; commandments; makes people aware of sin and their sinfulness.
mercy	deep caring, loving, forgiveness, and kindness when it is not deserved.
motive	the feelings inside a person that causes him/her to think or act in a certain way; the reason for our behavior.
obey/obedience	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Him; serving Him; getting to know Him better. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
Omniscient	all knowing nature of God; God's quality of knowing all things at once; universal knowledge.
Omnipotent	all powerful nature of God; God's almighty power; unlimited or infinite power.
Omnipresent	God's ability to be everywhere at all times; God's presence in every place at the same time.
patience	the ability to bear problems, annoyances, or pain without getting angry.
peace	God-given contentment which results in total confidence in God for everything.
persecution	treating someone in a cruel way because he/she is different; mistreatment of an individual or group by another group.
perseverance	the ability to endure difficulties with calmness and patience.
pride (selfish)	consumed with self (both an attitude and a type of conduct); a desire to run our own lives; shifting ultimate confidence from God to self; leading to a disregard, disrespect and disobedience of God; arrogance; conceit.
redeem/ redemption	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us.
relationship(s)	the way in which two or more people talk to, behave toward, and deal with each other.
repent	regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.
righteous/ righteousness	being in a right relationship with God; without guilt or sin. God declares believers not guilty/righteous because of their faith in Jesus.
right with God	see righteous/righteousness.
salvation/saved	rescued or delivered from the penalty and power of sin in your life because you believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He resurrected to life again to save all who trust in Him. Saved.
Satan	God's enemy; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin.
Savior	Jesus Christ is "The Savior" because He delivers us from being punished for our sins.
Scripture	God's Words; the Bible.
sin	any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.

slander	to make an evil, false statement about someone that could hurt his/her reputation.
sovereign	having complete power and authority.
submit	to submit to others means respecting a person's authority; to submit to God means surrendering our own will to His; submitting is ongoing with every choice.
temptation	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
trials/troubles	struggles or hard times that all Christians go through. God can use these hard times as opportunities to strengthen and mature our faith by causing us to depend more fully on Him.
Truth	God's Word is truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable; Jesus is called the Truth.
vice	moral behavior; moral depravity.
virtue	moral excellence; moral goodness; God is the absolute virtue.
wisdom	God-given understanding; the ability to distinguish between right and wrong; comes from God.
worship	giving reverence and honor to God; expressing our love and praise to Him.
world	the values and ways of life found in the world that oppose the ways of God. People who live as though there is no God.



Cover Sheet



THEME VERSE: "Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." Proverbs 1:7

About

Proverbs contains timeless wisdom each person needs to live a happy, healthy, well-balanced life. The verses teach practical principles to help us look at life's problems from God's point of view.

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Major Themes

The goal of the book is stated right at the beginning (1:1–7): to describe what wisdom is and to help God's people become wise. Wisdom is founded in the "fear of the Lord," and it enables believers to express their faith in the practical details of everyday life.

Proverbs shows us that relating rightly to God involves: first, seeking to understand His truth, and second, embracing and obeying that truth. It is clearly stated throughout Proverbs that following God's paths leads to blessing, whereas abandoning them leads to despair.

Study

Proverbs Lessons:
Wisdom
God's Character and Godly Character
Relationships
Words
Living for God
Hard Work and Laziness
Choices
Listen Up
Pride & Humility
Virtues & Vices

Wisdom from God



MEMORY VERSE: “For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
Proverbs 2:6

**What is God’s wisdom? Why do we need God’s wisdom?
How do we get God’s wisdom? What are benefits of having God’s wisdom?**

DAY 1 PROVERBS 1:1-7 — The Purpose of the Book

1. Who wrote Proverbs and what is the purpose for this book? 1:1-4
2. How would it be beneficial to have God’s wisdom (understanding and guidance) for every decision and situation you face? Why would it also be beneficial to understand life - the meaning and purpose of it - from God’s perspective?
3. What do we need before we can receive God’s knowledge and wisdom? vs. 1:7
What does this mean and why do you think this is the foundation of wisdom?

DAY 2 PROVERBS 2:1-4, 6; 3:15; 4:7 — The Search for Wisdom

4. God mostly reveals His wisdom by the Holy Spirit through His Word.
What do you think seeking and searching for God’s wisdom like treasures looks like? How would your life be different if you searched for God’s wisdom like treasures?

5. Why is it important to look to God's Word for wisdom, rather than trusting impressions or feelings?

6. What do you think happens when you divide your loyalty and commitment between God and this world?

DAY 3 PROVERBS 3:5-8, 13, 18 — Benefits of Wisdom

7. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What do these verses tell you?

8. What makes it possible for the Lord to direct your life?
What changes can you make to allow God's wisdom to guide and direct you more?

9. What do you think God means in Proverbs 3:7-8?

10. What does Proverbs 3:13 & 18 tell you about people that seek God's wisdom?
How do you think having godly wisdom would help you have this in your life?

DAY 4 PROVERBS 3:21-26; 4:8; 24:14 — Walking in God's Wisdom

11. What benefits does Proverbs 3:21-26 promise to those who keep "*common sense and discernment*" (v. 21)?

12. What does Proverbs 4:8 tell you? What do you think this looks like to God?

13. Read Proverbs 24:14. Why is God's wisdom so important to your soul, your future, and your hope?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Wisdom — Wrap Up

15. Why do you have to fear God to have God's wisdom (knowledge and obedience)?

16. How can making God's wisdom a priority in your life help you in daily living?

TAKE AWAY

Start a journal to record the wisdom God gives you as you study Proverbs. Keep adding to it.

BLESSING

Through Scripture, God reveals Himself. Through wisdom, we learn to love God and love what He loves.

Wisdom from God

Proverbs 1:1 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel.
2 Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

3 Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair...

7 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

2:1 My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands.

2 Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding...

4 Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures

5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

3:15 Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her...

4:7 Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

6 Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

13 Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding...

18 Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly...

21 My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them, 22 for they will refresh your soul. They are like jewels on a necklace.

23 They keep you safe on your way and your feet will not stumble.

24 You can go to bed without fear; you will lie down and sleep soundly.

25 You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked,

26 for the Lord is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

4:8 If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.

24:14 Wisdom is sweet to your soul. If you find it, you will have a bright future, and your hopes will not be cut short.

Wisdom: God-given understanding, ability to distinguish between right and wrong, insight, discernment. The ability to look at life from God's point of view and then choosing to live it out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fear of the Lord: profound reverence and awe toward God; respect for God's character, words, actions and position that leads to love and obedience; true honor, devotion and surrender to God.

God's Character and Godly Character



MEMORY VERSE: "Godly people find life; evil people find death."
Proverbs 11:19

Proverbs has much to contribute to our understanding of the character of God. Proverbs describes God as omnipresent - being everywhere, omniscient - knowing everything and omnipotent - being all powerful.

DAY 1 PROVERBS — God's Character

1. What do the following Proverbs tell you about God?

vv. 5:21 and 15:3:

vv. 15:11 and 16:2:

vv. 16:4 and 30:4:

vv. 16:9 and 16:33:

2. What words would you use to describe God after studying these traits of His?

What characteristic of God do you most need to see/experience right now? Why?.

DAY 2 PROVERBS — God's Character

3. What else do you learn about God's character from these Proverbs?

v. 30:5a

v. 2:6b

v. 16:11

4. Which of these characteristics of God do you value most right now? Why?.

**God designed human beings to reflect His very character - to be like Him.
Proverbs reveals what godly character looks like.**

DAY 3 PROVERBS — Godly Character

5. What does 2 Peter 1:3 tell us about godly living?

6. God's character and will is also revealed by what He loves and hates. What does He despise and what does He love?

v. 15:9

v. 15:26

v. 11:1

v. 11:20

v. 12:22

v. 15:8

7. What insight do the above verses give you on the the attitudes and actions God desires from you?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Godly Character

8. What do the following verses add to your understanding of godly living?

v. 22:9

v. 28:13

v. 31:8

v. 24:17

v. 11:27

v. 11:19

9. What godly character traits do you think God is calling you to embrace and apply in your life right now?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Character — Wrap Up

10. Why do you think knowing God's character affects our own character so much?

11. What do your choices tell you about your character?

TAKE AWAY

Write down character traits that need to go and ones you would like to develop. Pray and ask God for His help.

BLESSING

True godly character is found when we seek Jesus and He changes us from the inside out.

God's Character and Godly Character

Proverbs 5:21 For the Lord sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes.

15:3 The Lord is watching everywhere, keeping His eye on both the evil and the good.

15:11 Even Death and Destruction hold no secrets from the Lord. How much more does He know the human heart!

16:2 People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives.

16:4 The Lord has made everything for His own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.

30:4 Who but God goes up to heaven and comes back down? Who holds the wind in His fists?

Who wraps up the oceans in His cloak? Who has created the whole wide world?

16:9 We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

16:33 We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.

30:5a Every word of God proves true.

2:6b From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

16:11 The Lord demands accurate scales and balances; He sets the standards for fairness.

15:9 The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but He loves those who pursue godliness.

15:26 The Lord detests evil plans, but He delights in pure words.

11:1 The Lord detests the use of dishonest scales, but He delights in accurate weights.

11:20 The Lord detests people with crooked hearts, but He delights in those with integrity.

12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in those who tell the truth.

15:8 The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but He delights in the prayers of the upright.

22:9 Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.

28:13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

24:17 Don't rejoice when your enemies fall; don't be happy when they stumble.

11:27 If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you!

11:19 Godly people find life; evil people find death.

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Relationships



MEMORY VERSE: "I love all who love Me. Those who search will surely find Me."
Proverbs 8:17

Your relationship with God is the foundation for all your relationships.

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Relationship with God

1. God created us to have a relationship with Him. What do the following verses tell you?
vv. 1 John 4:9-10

v. James 4:8

v. John 10:27

2. What does Mark 12:29 tell you about what God wants from you?

3. What does your relationship with God look like in your life?
(i.e. importance, time together, listening & talking...)

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Relationship with Parents

4. Proverbs gives us God's instructions for a godly family life. He is talking about the people that take care of us, nurture us, protect us and love us. As you honor, obey, love and respect these people, you are honoring and obeying God. What does Proverbs 6:20 tell you? Why? vs. 6:21-23

5. Read Proverbs 15:5. What does your relationship with your parents look like? What changes would you like to make?

6. Read Proverbs 13:24. How do you think discipline is evidence of love?

7. Read Proverbs 22:6. Even though this verse doesn't guarantee a child's future choices, what do you think it means?

DAY 3

PROVERBS — Relationship with Friends

8. What traits are most important to you in a friend? What kind of friend would you say you are?

9. What do these Proverbs tell you?

v. 17:17

v. 27:9

v. 27:17

v. 18:24

Why are these traits so important?.

10. What do these Proverbs tell you that destroys friendships?

v. 16:28

v. 18:19

v. 25:19

Why are these traits so destructive?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Relationships with Neighbors

11. Our neighbor includes all mankind - even our enemies! What does Jesus tell you in John 13:34?
12. What do these Proverbs tell you about your enemies?
v. 24:17

v. 25:21
13. Mark 12:31 also tells us to “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*” What are ways you can show love to your neighbors?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Relationships — Wrap Up

14. How would working on your relationship with God help all your other relationships?
15. How do you think God wants you to handle difficult relationships?

TAKE AWAY

When you are with a friend, think of what you can do to encourage, compliment, support or help them.

BLESSING

The most important thing in life is your relationships; first, your relationship with God and secondly, your relationships with other people.

Relationships

1 John 4:9-10 God showed how much He loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.
James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.
John 10:27 (Jesus said:) My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.
Mark 12:30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength...

6:20 My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction.
21 Keep their words always in your heart... When you walk, their counsel will lead you.
22 When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you.
23 For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way to life.
15:5 Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.
13:24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.
22:6 Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.
23:25 So give your father and mother joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.

17:17 A friend is always loyal...
27:9 The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.
27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.
18:24 There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.
16:28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.
18:19 An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.
25:19 Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot.
John 13:34 Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
24:17 Don't rejoice when your enemies fall; don't be happy when they stumble.
25:21 If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.

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Words



MEMORY VERSE: “Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.” Proverbs 21:23

DAY 1 PROVERBS — God’s Word to Us

1. At God’s Word, the heavens came into being and we came to life. His Word is powerful and life changing. What are the promises of God found in these verses?

Romans 10:9

Romans 8:39b

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Philippians 4:19

2. How do these promises in God’s Word speak into your life right now?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — How to Respond to God’s Word

3. What does God want you to do with His Words?

Proverbs 4:20-22

2 Timothy 3:16

Psalm 119:105

4. If we will let the words of the Bible sink into our hearts and lives, how will it change us?

DAY 3

PROVERBS — Our Words Can Be a Blessing

5. What does God say about the words you speak in the following Proverbs?
v. 15:26

v. 16:24

v. 12:25b

v. 15:28

6. How are your words a blessing to those with whom you have daily contact? How are they not?

PROVERBS — Our Words Can Destroy

7. What does God tell us about lies and deceit? Proverbs 12:22; 25:18; 15:4b

DAY 4

8. How do you struggle with telling lies and being deceitful? What can you do with the Holy Spirit's power to make changes in this area?

9. What does Proverbs tell you about gossip? Proverbs 16:28; 18:8; 26:20

10. How do you struggle with gossip? What can you do with the Holy Spirit's power to stop gossiping and listening to gossip?

11. What does God tell you about:
Angry words: Proverbs 15:1; 29:11

Bragging: Proverbs 27:1-2

12. Read Proverbs 18:21. How can the tongue bring life or death?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Words — Wrap Up

13. How does God's Word shape our words?

14. How do your words impact your testimony for Jesus?

TAKE AWAY

Pay attention to your words. At the end of the day, grade yourself - helpful? hurtful? If you don't like the grades you get, ask God to help you turn it around.

BLESSING

"The Lord detests evil plans, but he delights in pure words." Proverbs 15:26

Words

Romans 10:9-10 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 8:39b Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

4:20-22 My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words.

21 Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, 22 for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 1:33 But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm.

15:26 The Lord detests evil plans, but he delights in pure words.

16:24 Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

12:25b An encouraging word cheers a person up.

15:28 The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.

lies

12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

25:18 Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow.

15:4b A deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

gossip

16:28 Gossip separates the best of friends.

18:8 Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart.

26:20 Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.

anger

15:1 A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

29:11 Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.

bragging

27:1 Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.

27:2 Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth—a stranger, not your own lips.

life/death

18:21 The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

Living for God



MEMORY VERSE: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

If you have put your faith in Jesus, received Him into your life, you have been forgiven, and declared right with Him. He loves you unconditionally, knowing you are not perfect. So when you look at God’s commands, ask the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of you, for help to live for God.

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Living for God by Listening to Him

1. Hearing God’s voice means blocking out the noise of the world so you can focus on Him. The Bible is one of the main ways God speaks to us. What do these Proverbs tell you about what it means to listen to God?

vv. 2:1-2

vv. 4:20-22

2. How does God’s Word “*bring life to those who find them?*”

3. What are benefits of listening to God and following His ways?

v. 1:33

v. 8:32

4. Do you want to hear God speak to you? What do you need to do to hear Him?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Living for God by Trusting Him

5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why does trusting God with your life allow you to have less worry, anxiety, stress...?

6. What do you learn from Proverbs 4:25-27?

7. What is the difference between life on the straight path versus the crooked path?
v. 10:9

v. 13:6

What do these verses tell you about your path?

DAY 3

PROVERBS — Living for God by Obeying Him

8. Obedience is commanded by God, not only because it glorifies Him, but because it is the best for us. What do you learn from these Proverbs?

v. 4:13

vv. 7:2-3

9. What do these Proverbs share that inspire you to want to obey God?

v. 19:16

v. 16:7

v. 14:22b

10. What do you think God is telling us in Proverbs 21:3?

DAY 4**PROVERBS — Living for God by Walking with Him**

11. What does Micah 6:8 tell us?
12. Your walk with God refers to how you live your life. How does your faith connect with your actions?
13. What happens to your walk with God when you do not listen to Him, when you do not trust Him and when you do not obey Him?

DAY 5**PROVERBS — Wrap Up**

14. God is worth living for because His plans are best and He loves you! Which of these is hardest to do for you? Listening, trusting, obeying or walking? Why?
15. What change in your life do you think God would like you to make to help keep you on the His path?

TAKE AWAY

Talk to three older followers of Jesus that you admire.

Ask: "Has it been easy or difficult for you to live for God? Why? Why is it worth it?"

Write down their answers and read them when you're having trouble following God.

BLESSING

"If you plan to do good, you will receive unfailing love and faithfulness." Proverbs 14:22b

Living for God

Proverbs 2:1-2 My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate
on understanding.

4:20-22 My child, pay attention to what I say.
Listen carefully to My words.

Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate
deep into your heart,
for they bring life to those who find them, and
healing to their whole body.

1:33 But all who listen to Me will live in peace,
untroubled by fear of harm.

8:32 And so, my children, listen to Me, for all
who follow My ways are joyful.

3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do
not depend on your own understanding.
Seek His will in all you do, and He will show
you which path to take.

4:25-27 Look straight ahead, and fix your
eyes on what lies before you.

Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on
the safe path.

Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from
following evil.

10:9 People with integrity walk safely, but
those who follow crooked paths will be ex-
posed.

13:6 Godliness guards the path of the blame-
less, but the evil are misled by sin.

4:13 Take hold of My instructions; don't let
them go. Guard them, for they are the key to
life.

7:2-3 Obey My commands and live! Guard
My instructions as you guard your own eyes.
Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write

them deep within your heart.

19:16 Keep the commandments and keep
your life; despising them leads to death.

16:7 When people's lives please the Lord,
even their enemies are at peace with them.

14:22b If you plan to do good, you will re-
ceive unfailing love and faithfulness.

21:3 The Lord is more pleased when we do
what is right and just
than when we offer him sacrifices.

Micah 6:8 O people, the Lord has told you...
what He requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with your God.

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distinguish between right and wrong, insight,
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it out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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awe toward God; respect for God's charac-
ter, words, actions and position that leads to
love and obedience; true honor, devotion and
surrender to God.

Hard Work and Laziness



MEMORY VERSE: “People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.”
Proverbs 10:9

DAY 1

PROVERBS — Integrity and Hard Work

1. Read Proverbs 20:7 and 10:9. How can you resist the temptation to compartmentalize your life and have the same integrity at school, at practice, at home, on weekends, at church...?
2. What does Colossians 3:23-24 say? What do you think “*work*” means in your life right now?
3. Proverbs has several verses that give us insight on “*work*”. What do these Proverbs tell you?
 - v. 13:4b
 - v. 21:5
 - v. 12:24
 - v. 24:27
4. What do Proverbs 12:11 & 28:19 tell you about “*hard work*” and “*chasing fantasies*”?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Laziness

5. What do the following Proverbs tell you about “*lazy people*”?
v. 13:4a

v. 18:9

v. 20:4

v. 21:25

6. How lazy are you? How do these verses speak to you?

7. What can you learn from ants? vv. 6:6-8

DAY 3 PROVERBS — Developing Good Sense

8. What do the following Proverbs tell you about a person with “*good sense/prudence*”?
v. 13:15

v. 2:7

v. 22:3

9. Why do you think good/common sense should be continually pursued in order to experience the best God has for you?

10. Why do you think instant gratification can be the enemy of common sense?

DAY 4

PROVERBS — Persevering

11. What do the following verses add about how to work?
Proverbs 4:25-26

Galatians 1:9

12. What do you think Proverbs 16:3 means?

DAY 5

PROVERBS - Hard Work and Laziness — Wrap Up

13. What are some practical illustrations of hard work and its benefits?
14. Every day we have to make decisions in order to live a life of excellence and integrity. What is your biggest take-away from this lesson?

TAKE AWAY

Give up some TV/Phone time this week. Use it to help your parents, walk around the block or give your room a long overdue cleaning. How do you feel about what you accomplished?

BLESSING

“Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.”
Galatians 5:16

Hard Work and Laziness

20:7 The godly walk with integrity...

10:9 People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.

Colossians 3:23-24 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

13:4b Those who work hard will prosper.

14:23 Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!

10:4b Hard workers get rich.

21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity.

12:24 Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave.

24:27 Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.

12:11 A hard worker has plenty... but a person who chases fantasies has no sense.

28:19b A hard worker has plenty... but a person who chases fantasies ends up in poverty.

13:4a Lazy people want much but get little...

18:9 A lazy person is as bad as someone who destroys things.

20:4 Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest.

21:25 Despite their desires, the lazy will come to ruin, for their hands refuse to work.

6:6-8 Take a lesson from the ants, you lazy-bones. Learn from their ways and become wise! 7 Though they have no prince or gov-

ernor or ruler to make them work, 8 they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.

13:15 A person with good sense is respected; a treacherous person is headed for destruction.

2:7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

22:3 A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

Proverbs 4:25-26 Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.

26 Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

Galatians 1:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Proverbs 16:9 Commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed.

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Choices



MEMORY VERSE: “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”
Proverbs 4:23

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Our Relationship with Jesus Christ

1. Every day we make choices. The most important choice you will make is whether to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. What do these verses tell you about the choice we must all make regarding Jesus Christ?

John 3:16-18

John 8:24

Acts 16:31

2. What choices helped lead you to where you are now in your belief about Jesus?

3. Why do you think your decision about Jesus impacts every other decision you make?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Our Hearts

4. The heart is the center of our thoughts and feelings—which leads to our decisions. What do these verses tell you about your heart?

Jeremiah 17:9

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 21:2

5. How might the following verses help you guard your heart and keep it safe?

v. 23:26

v. 3:1

v. 3:5

6. Others know your heart by your words and choices. Are you working to keep your heart pure today? Explain.

DAY 3

PROVERBS — Our Peers and Reputation

7. What do these Proverbs tell you about how your choices are impacted by the people you spend your time with?

v. 13:20

vv. 4:14

v. 16:28

8. How are your choices influenced by your peers?
How are your choices influenced by your feelings?

9. What do Proverbs 22:1 and 3:3-4 tell you about your reputation?

10. The reputation you're building today with the choices you make, will be the the one you will have to work with for years to come - for better or worse. What do you want your reputation to be? What can you do to work towards this?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Consequences of Our Choices

11. God's way is the best way and He wants you to make choices that are in line with His Word. What do you learn about your choices from the following verses?
Galatians 6:7-8

Proverbs 3:33

12. Consider the choices you have made lately in regards to: TV/Movies, Video Games, Text Messages, Social Media, YouTube, Internet sites... How do your choices of media consumption line up with God's Word?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Choices — Wrap Up

13. What do your choices say about how important your relationship and following God are to you?
14. What should you do when the Bible doesn't seem to speak directly to the situations you face and the decisions you make?

TAKE AWAY

You're going to make around 35,000 decisions today. Some are easy and some are not. Practice saying "let me think about it". The next time you feel pressured to make a decision you are concerned about, repeat these words. This will allow you the time to pray and make a good decision.

BLESSING

Our hearts determine our choices, and our choices affect our hearts. Every time you choose what lines up with the Bible, your heart grows closer to God.

Choices

John 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

John 8:24 (Jesus says:) You will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

Jeremiah 17:9 The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked.

4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

21:2 People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

23:26 O my son, give me your heart.

May your eyes take delight in following my ways.

3:1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.

3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

4:14 Don't do as the wicked do, and don't follow the path of evildoers.

16:28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

22:1 Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.

3:3-4 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people and you will earn a good reputation.

Galatians 6:7-8 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. 8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

3:33 The Lord curses the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the upright.

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Listen Up



MEMORY VERSE: "Take hold of My instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life."
Proverbs 4:13

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Instruction

1. How does God want us to respond to Him? John 14:5

2. What do these Proverbs tell you about God's instruction for your life?
v. 4:13

v. 8:33

v. 16:20

3. Why do we try to handle life without His help?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Discipline

5. What do you learn from Proverbs 3:11-12 about God's discipline?

6. What does James 1:2-4 tell you about how God uses testing, trials and troubles to discipline us?

7. God always disciplines us for our good! What do these Proverbs add?

v. 10:17

v. 15:32

v. 12:1

8. How do you think God wants you to react too and handle His discipline?

DAY 3 PROVERBS — Advice

9. What do these proverbs say about advice?

v. 19:20

v. 12:15

v. 15:22

10. Not all advice is good advice, but if the person who's handing it out is someone you respect, and who has the experience behind him to back up his words, he may be worth listening to. How does Proverbs 15:7 speak to this?

11. How would you say you are on listening to, and accepting advice? Why?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Criticism

12. What do these Proverbs say on listening to, and accepting criticism/correction?

v. 15:31

v. 13:18a

v. 29:1

13. How would God like you to respond to criticism when it is valid?
How should you respond to criticism that you feel has no value?
14. What are ways to offer constructive criticism to someone? See Ephesians 4:15.
15. Read Proverbs 13:18b and 15:32b. How would you say you are in listening to, and accepting criticism/correction? Why?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Listen Up — Wrap Up

16. What attitudes should you have as you receive God's instruction, discipline, advice and criticism?
17. Why do you think having wise counsel is important to protect you from yourself?

TAKE AWAY

Consider finding a mentor - someone you trust and respect. Ask them to meet with you once a month to talk about big decisions and big questions about life. Then be ready to listen and learn.

BLESSING

"For the Lord corrects those He loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom He delights."
Proverbs 3:12

Listen Up

John 14:15 (Jesus says:) “If you love Me, obey My commandments.”

4:13 Take hold of My instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.

8:33 Listen to My instruction and be wise. Don't ignore it.

16:20 Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be joyful.

3:11-12 My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when He corrects you. For the Lord corrects those He loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom He delights.

James 1:2-4 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

10:17 People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray.

15:32 If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.

12:1 To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.

19:20 Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.

12:15 Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

15:22 Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

15:7 The lips of the wise give good advice; the heart of a fool has none to give.

15:31 If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.

13:18a If you ignore criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace...

29:1 Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept criticism will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery.

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...

13:18b If you accept correction, you will be honored.

15:32b If you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.

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Pride and Humility



MEMORY VERSE: "Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor."
Proverbs 29:23

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Pride

1. Throughout the Bible, God is clear that we are to have humility and avoid selfish pride. How does the Bible view selfish pride and humility? See Proverbs Dictionary definitions.

2. What do these Proverbs tell you about pride?
v. 21:4

v. 16:5

v. 16:18

3. In what areas of your life do you most struggle with your pride?
How does your pride draw you away from God?

4. At this time, pride is almost celebrated in our culture. What do you think God would say about that?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Pride vs. Humility

5. What do these Scriptures tell you about pride and humility?
Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 29:23

James 4:6

6. What does Luke 14:11 say?

7. What are your attitudes/actions when God blesses the gifts and talents: (i.e. sports, school, hobby)
He gave you?

He gave to someone else?

DAY 3 PROVERBS — All From God

8. What do the following verses tell us about how God wants us to see ourselves?
Romans 12:3

1 Corinthians 4:7

9. What does Jeremiah 9:23-24 tell you to have pride in? Why?

10. Many of us struggle with how God defines humility. We may think of it as being weak or being a doormat. Explain how godly humility shows great inner strength and confidence.

DAY 4

PROVERBS — Humility

11. What do the following verses tell you?

Isaiah 66:2b

Proverbs 22:4

Philippians 2:3-5

12. How does Jesus' life model humility to you?

DAY 5

PROVERBS - Pride and Humility — Wrap Up

13. Humility is something that requires a lifetime of work and can only be accomplished with the power and help of the Holy Spirit.

Where do you need the Spirit's help and power to have more humility before God?

14. Where do you need the Spirit's help and power to have more humility as you respond to others?

TAKE AWAY

Write a prayer asking God to help you understand the Bible's message about humility and to help you be more humble.

BLESSING

"I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word." Isaiah 66:2b

Pride and Humility

21:4 Haughty eyes, a proud heart, and evil actions are all sin.

16:5 The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished.

16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness (arrogantly superior and condescending) before a fall.

11:2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

29:23 Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

James 4:6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Luke 14:11 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Romans 12:3 Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth..."

Isaiah 66:2b I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at My word.

22:4 True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.

Isaiah 66:2b I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at My word.

Philippians 2:3-5 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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Notes

Lined area for notes.

Virtues and Vices



MEMORY VERSE: “Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart.”
Proverbs 3:3

Through our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit inside us we are to strive for virtue (moral excellence) and avoid vices (immoral behaviors). Virtue is making decisions based on your desire to live a life pleasing to God and follow His Word.

DAY 1

PROVERBS — Virtues - Honesty, Patience, Kindness and Loyalty

1. What do these Proverbs say about honesty?
v. 11:5

v. 12:22

Why is honesty so important in our relationship with God? With others?

2. Read Proverbs 16:32a. Why is having patience essential to our lives?

3. What do these verses say about kindness and loyalty?
v. 11:17

v. 3:3

Does your life reveal that you are kind and loyal? Explain.

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Virtues - Generous, Self-Control and Positive Attitude

4. What do these verses say about being generous?

v. 11:25

v. 19:17

Why do you think being generous is important to God?

5. What do these Proverbs say about self-control?

v. 16:32b

v. 13:16

6. Read Proverbs 15:30 and 17:22. How does a positive attitude affect everything you do?

DAY 3 PROVERBS — Vices

7. What are your take aways from these verses on anger and jealousy? vv. 27:4 and 14:29-30

8. What do these Proverbs say?

v. 6:32

v. 18:12

v. 15:27

v. 6:27

9. What do you learn about fools from Proverbs 26:11 and 19:3?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Stay Alert

10. What insight do these Scriptures give you?
1 Corinthians 10:13

1 Peter 5:8

11. What does Proverbs 21:21 tell you will bring the greatest peace and pleasure in your life?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Virtues and Vices — Wrap Up

12. Virtues are more than just doing the right thing when it is convenient. How do you see virtues feeding off one another?

13. Proverbs shares only 16 virtues but lists 40 vices! Why do you think that is?

TAKE AWAY

When you are stuck waiting in a line or in a crowd, whisper a prayer for those around you.
When impatience sneaks up on you, put this into action.

BLESSING

“Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor.”
Proverbs 21:21

Virtues and Vices

Virtues:

Honesty

11:5 The godly are directed by honesty; the wicked fall beneath their load of sin.

12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

Patience

16:32a Better to be patient than powerful.

Kindness

11:17 Your kindness will reward you, but your cruelty will destroy you.

3:3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you!

Tie them around your neck as a reminder.

Write them deep within your heart.

Generous

11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

19:17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and He will repay you!

Self Control

16:32b Better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

13:16 Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness.

Positive attitude

15:30 A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health.

17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

Vices:

Anger and Jealousy

27:4 Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but jealousy is even more dangerous.

14:29-30 People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great fool-

ishness. A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.

Lust

6:32 But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys himself.

Haughtiness

18:12 Haughtiness (arrogantly superior and condescending) goes before destruction.

Greed

15:27 Greed brings grief to the whole family, but those who hate bribes will live.

Addiction

6:27 Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire?

Fools

26:11 As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.

19:3 People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil.

He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Proverbs 21:21 Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor.

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