***Dialogue…***

**Prayer**

Have you ever considered the price that was paid for us to have direct access to God through prayer? When Jesus breathed his last, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. That curtain separated God’s people from instant access into His presence, which was marked by the Ark of the Covenant within the holy of holies in the temple. No longer was there a need for a high priest to come into the presence of God on our behalf. Jesus is our high priest. It was Jesus who paid the price for us to have direct access to God through prayer!

Have you ever considered the Person with whom you are speaking when you pray? Years ago, my evenings ended watching the local news at 10:00 and then watching Johnny Carson’s opening monologue on NBC’s The Tonight show. For five to ten minutes, Johnny would tell jokes and the studio audience would laugh and applaud when prompted to do so. Johnny was in complete control of the “conversation”. I am afraid my prayer life could often be described as “my monologue”. I do all the talking, thinking I can prompt God to respond when I want Him to do so. Friend, if prayer ever becomes a monologue, shouldn’t God be the only one talking? After all, He is GOD!

Have you ever considered the privilege of prayer? God wants a relationship with you and me! He desires dialogue, not monologue. Still, He is GOD. Does it not seem more appropriate for Him to lead the conversation?

**Proverbs**

I need direction in my life. I want God to direct me. I hope you feel the same way. God has provided us a book with practical principles on living a life that honors Him. That book is Proverbs. The word “proverb” means “to be like”. The book of Proverbs in the Bible compares common, concrete images with truths established by God Himself.

1 Kings 4:32 tells us Solomon, the writer of most of Proverbs, spoke over three thousand proverbs to Israel while he was king. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, we have been provided with just over five hundred of the proverbs our Lord felt was most important.

The book of Proverbs is not written in narrative form. It does not tell a story. Instead, we are given short, pithy statements, one right after the other. Remember, these statements are principles, not necessarily promises. The statements are intended to give us a standard to be like.

The book of Proverbs often mentions “wisdom” and “folly”. Knowledge and wisdom are not the same thing. Knowledge is something learned. Wisdom is something learned and appropriately applied to life. Folly, then, is either something learned but inappropriately applied to life or something that should have been learned and appropriately applied to life but was not.

**Partnership**

The goal of our study is to partner prayer with Proverbs. There are thirty-one chapters in the book of Proverbs, one for each day of the month. This study will provide structure in allowing God to first speak to us through His Word, and then we respond to what He has said. That is called “dialogue”. If we respond appropriately to what God has said, then we will develop “wisdom”. That is our goal, to have men and women walking in wisdom.

**Participants**

This study will include a “Paul” and at least one “Timothy”. The Bible shares the unique relationship between these two. We do not know whether or not Paul led Timothy to Christ. We do, however, know that Paul mentored Timothy.

It is difficult finding people who want to be a Paul. Most do not feel qualified to be a Paul. Let me remind you that while you might not feel qualified, you have absolutely been commissioned to be a Paul. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus includes in our Great Commission “teaching” others in the faith. Some are hesitant to be a Paul to those who are older than them. Let me remind you of what Paul said to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, inn love, in faith and in purity.”

Many of you will begin this study as Timothies. The goal is for you, at the end of this study to become a Paul and identify the Timothy God has placed in your life.

**Process**

This is a six-month study. Each individual will listen to God through the “Proverb of the day” and respond in prayer by writing out your prayer. You will be provided with a daily dialogue plan for six months. Once a week, your dialogue team will meet and discuss what God has said to you. The “Paul” of the team will lead the discussion. In six months, the goal will be for each Timothy to become a Paul and go through the same study, this time with you leading someone.

***Weekly Dialogue Meetings***

If you are the “Paul” of the group, then arrange a time to meet with your Timothy(s) once a week. This meeting should take no longer than one hour. I would suggest not doing this over a meal in that there needs to be plenty of time for openness and discussion. At every meeting, remind your Timothy(s) of the High Price paid for us to have this instant access and DIALOGUE with God.

The group’s Paul should go through each day and discuss what God said to their Timothy(s) during the week. The Paul will probably have to teach his Timothy(s) how to pray in response to what God has said. We do not want this study to simply be a “fill in the blank and then we are done” kind of study. We want this study to develop DIALOGUE.

Close each meeting sharing needs and concerns and pray for God’s direction and provision.

***July 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 1:7***

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,***

***but fools despise wisdom and instruction.***

* What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?
* What is “knowledge”?
* Why is the “fear of the Lord” the beginning of knowledge?
* What is “wisdom”?
* Why do fools “despise” wisdom?
* How will you apply Proverbs 1:7 to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 2:1-5***

***My son, IF you accept my words***

***and store up my commands within you,***

***turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding***

***-indeed, IF you call out for insight***

***and cry aloud for understanding,***

***and IF you look for it as for silver***

***and search for it as for hidden treasure,***

***THEN you will understand the fear of the Lord***

***and find the knowledge of God.*** *(emphasis mine)*

* What is it?
* These verses say IF something is done, THEN something will happen? Explain…
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 3:7***

***Do not be wise in your own eyes;***

***fear the Lord and shun evil.***

* What does it mean to “be wise in your own eyes”?
* What is “wisdom”?
* Do you “fear the Lord and shun evil” or “shun the Lord and fear evil”?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 4:23***

***Above all else, guard your heart,***

***for everything you do flows from it.***

* What does the phrase “above all else” mean?
* The word “guard” is a military term. When you guard something, are you attacking or defending?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 5:21***

***For your ways are in full view of the Lord,***

***and he examines all your paths.***

* What is wisdom?
* What is folly?
* With wisdom and folly in mind, how will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 6:16-19***

***There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him:***

***haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,***

***a heart that devises wicked schemes,***

***feet that are quick to rush into evil,***

***a false witness who pours out lies***

***and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.***

* Which of these things the Lord hates are secret and which of these things are out in the open?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 7:6-8***

***At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice.***

***I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men,***

***a youth who had no sense.***

***He was going down the street near her corner,***

***walking along in the direction of her house…***

* Are you or someone you know walking toward unfaithfulness?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 8:10-11***

***Choose my instruction instead of silver,***

***knowledge rather than choice gold,***

***for wisdom is more precious than rubies,***

***and nothing you desire can compare with her.***

* From prior readings, what is knowledge?
* From prior readings, what is wisdom?
* Does your daily schedule reflect what choice you have made?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 9:12***

***If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;***

***if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 10:9***

***Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,***

***but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.***

* What does it mean to “walk in integrity”?
* What does it mean to “take a crooked path”?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 11:25***

***A generous person will prosper;***

***whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.***

* What does it mean to be “generous”?
* Is generosity limited to money?
* What does it mean to “refresh others”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 12:4***

***A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown…***

* Many of us are blessed with wives who meet this description in verse 4. Are you thankful for this blessing?
* Have you expressed your thankfulness to God?
* Have you expressed your thankfulness to your wife?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 13th / Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 13:10***

***Where there is strife, there is pride,***

***but wisdom is found in those who take advice.***

* Is there strife in your life?
* What role does your pride play in that strife?
* From our earlier reading, how does God feel about pride?
* Are you open to advice?
* What is wisdom?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 14:26***

***Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress,***

***and for their children it will be a refuge.***

* Do you fear the Lord?
* Does that provide you with security?
* How does your fear of the Lord provide a refuge / security for your children?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 15:1-2, 4, 7***

***A gentle answer turns away wrath,***

***but a harsh word stirs up anger.***

***The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,***

***But the mouth of the fool gushes folly.***

***The soothing tongue is a tree of life,***

***but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.***

***The lips of the wise spread knowledge,***

***but the hearts of fools are not upright.***

* Were your words today or yesterday gentle, knowledgeable, soothing and wise or did they stir up anger, gush folly, crush spirits and demonstrate foolishness?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 16:18***

***Pride goes before destruction,***

***a haughty spirit before a fall.***

* In Matthew 5:3, Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Proverbs 16:18 speaks of a “haughty spirit”? Which describes you?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 17th / Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 17:3***

***A crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,***

***but the Lord tests the heart.***

* A crucible is a ceramic container in which silver or other metals are placed to be melted.
* A furnace is a structure in which material can be heated to very high temperatures.
* Both a crucible and a furnace can separate imperfections.
* It is only through extreme heat that silver and gold are best shaped.
* When the Lord tests our heart and shapes us, He sometimes turns up the heat.
* Can you relate?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 18:10***

***The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;***

***the righteous run to it and are safe.***

* The “name of the Lord” refers to His attributes. (Creator, Provider, Healer, Sanctifier, etc.) How do His attributes bring you security?
* The “righteous run to it and are safe.” Do you run to the Lord like this?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 19:20***

***Listen to advice and accept discipline,***

***and at the end you will be counted among the wise.***

* What is wisdom?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 20:25***

***It is a trap to dedicate something rashly***

***and only later to consider one’s vows.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 21:30***

***There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan***

***that can succeed against the Lord.***

* What is wisdom?
* What is insight?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 22:1***

***A good name is more desirable than great riches;***

***to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.***

* Do you have “a good name”?
* Are you held in high “esteem”?
* Remember, our previous readings tell us God knows the heart and intentions of a man. Does what God sees inwardly match what others see outwardly?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 23rd / Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 23:17***

***Do not let your heart envy sinners,***

***but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord.***

* Do you ever see a worldly, sinful, rebellious person succeed and envy their success?
* What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?
* What does it mean to “be zealous for the fear of the Lord”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 24:11***

***Rescue those being led away to death;***

***hold back those staggering toward slaughter.***

* Romans 6:23 tells us “The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Do you know of anyone “being led away to death”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 25:28***

***Like a city whose walls are broken through***

***is a person who lacks self-control.***

* Galatians 5:23 tells us “self-control” is among the fruit of the Spirit. If you lack self-control, then either you have not been born again or you have chosen not to submit to the Holy Spirit’s direction in your life.
* A city whose walls are broken through has no protection and is sure to be attacked.
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 26:9***

***Like a thornbush in a drunkard’s hand***

***is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.***

* The word “proverb” means “to be like”.
* Our previous readings encouraged a wise man to take advice.
* This verse, however, cautions against heeding the advice of a foolish man. How do you discern between a wise man and a foolish man?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 27:12***

***The prudent see danger and take refuge,***

***but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 28:5***

***Evildoers do not understand what is right,***

***but those who seek the Lord***

***understand it fully.***

* Do you understand what is right?
* There are many around us who do not understand what is right. They do not seek the Lord. They are lost. Would you ask God to make you aware of opportunities He gives you to be light in the midst of darkness?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 29:25***

***Fear of man will prove to be a snare,***

***but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 30:5***

***Every word of God is flawless;***

***he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***July 31st / Proverbs 31***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 31:8***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 31:8-9***

***Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,***

***for the rights of all who are destitute.***

***Speak up and judge fairly;***

***Defend the rights of the poor and needy.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***Dialogue…Month 2***

As we enter our second month in Dialogue…, my prayer is that this has not become another “fill-in-the-blank Bible study.” While those studies are extremely important, the goal of Dialogue…is to guide us in our prayer lives.

For much too long, my prayer life was a monologue. I spoke to God, confident that He would listen. Now, my desire is dialogue. I want to hear from Him and respond to Him.

We hear from Him most clearly through His Word. From His Word, we can gain knowledge. Wisdom comes when we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our decisions and actions based upon our knowledge of His Word. Wisdom is applied knowledge.

**Righteous / Wicked**

The word “righteous” is found over fifty times in the Proverbs. It means “clear”, “cleansed” and “just” from a moral perspective. For a sinful person to be “righteous”, we must have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus. For us who have been cleansed to stay “clear”, we must be current in our confession, rapid in our repentance and dedicated to His direction in our lives.

The word “wicked” is found over eighty times in the Proverbs. It is derived from a word that means “wrong”, “condemn” and “trouble-maker.” It is a word that describes one who has not been cleansed. It is a word that would describe us if it were not for Jesus.

As you see these words in Scripture this month, try to take time to remember the difference between being “righteous” and “wicked” is the work of the Lord in our lives.

***August 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 1:1-3a***

***The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:***

***for attaining wisdom and discipline;***

***for understanding words of insight;***

***for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life…***

* Solomon begins the Proverbs with his purpose for writing them.
* To attain means “to reach” or “to accomplish a goal”.
* How do we “reach” wisdom? How do we “reach” discipline?
* Have you ever considered when reading God’s Word that He is giving us “words of insight”?
* What is a “disciplined life”? What is a “prudent life”?
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 2:12***

***Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men,***

***from men whose words are perverse***

* What is wisdom?
* Why is wisdom important to a righteous man?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 3:3-4***

***Let love and faithfulness never leave you;***

***bind them around your neck,***

***write them on the tablet of your heart.***

***Then you will win favor and a good name***

***in the sight of God and man.***

* What precedes winning favor and a good name?
* Why is it important to have favor and a good name in the sight of both God and man?
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 4:5***

***Get wisdom, get understanding;***

***do not forget my words or swerve from them.***

* What does it mean to “get wisdom” and “get understanding”?
* How do we “swerve” from His Words?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

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* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 5:1-2***

***My son, pay attention to my wisdom,***

***listen well to my words of insight,***

***that you may maintain discretion***

***and your lips may preserve knowledge.***

* What is wisdom?
* What is discretion?
* How do they relate?
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 6:32***

***But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment;***

***whoever does so destroys himself.***

* How does adultery destroy a person?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 7:4-5***

***Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,”***

***and call understanding on your kinsman;***

***they will keep you from the adulteress,***

***from the wayward wife with her seductive words.***

* What is understanding?
* What is wisdom?
* How do they keep us faithful to the Lord and His plan?
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 8:13***

***To fear the Lord is to hate evil;***

***I hate pride and arrogance,***

***evil behavior and perverse speech.***

* What does it mean “to fear the Lord”?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 9:9***

***Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;***

***teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 10:7***

***The memory of the righteous will be a blessing,***

***but the name of the wicked will rot.***

* If you were to be transferred and your family had to move, would you be remembered as a “righteous man”?
* When you die, will your family, friends, neighbors, enemies, etc. remember you as a “righteous man”?
* How can the memory of the righteous be a blessing?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 11:30***

***The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,***

***and he who wins souls is wise?***

* What are the fruits of a righteous man? What is a tree of life?
* What do these have to do with each other?
* Are you a soul winner? What is wisdom?
* What do these have to do with each other?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 12:26***

***A righteous man is cautious in friendship,***

***but the way of the wicked leads them astray.***

* Read 1 Corinthians 15:33
* What is your understanding of these two verses?
* How will you apply them to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 13th / Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 13:20***

***He who walks with the wise grows wise,***

***but a companion of fools suffers harm.***

* What is wisdom?
* What does it mean to “walk with the wise”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 14:16***

***A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil,***

***but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.***

* What is wisdom?
* Do you fear the Lord? Why?
* Do you shun evil? How?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 15:8***

***The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked,***

***but the prayer of the righteous pleases him.***

* What is the difference between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked?
* If you are righteous, did you know your prayer pleases him?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 16:6***

***Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for;***

***through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.***

* The Hebrew word for “atone” is “kipper”. It literally means “to cover.” For example, if we went to lunch and I just happened to forget my wallet…You might say, “I’ve got you covered.” That’s atonement.
* In Old Testament times, a sacrifice was made for atonement of sins.
* We know, however, that Jesus is our atonement.
* Why does Solomon include both atonement and avoiding evil in this proverb?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 17th / Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 17:19a***

***He who loves a quarrel loves sin…***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 18:2***

***A fool finds no pleasure in understanding***

***but delights in airing his own opinions.***

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 19:11***

***A man’s wisdom gives him patience;***

***it is to his glory to overlook an offense.***

* What is wisdom?
* Read James 1:19-20
* How do these verses relate?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 20:7***

***The righteous man leads a blameless life;***

***blessed are his children after him.***

* How does one become “righteous”?
* It’s important to understand what Solomon means by “blameless.” Blameless does not mean “sinless.” Blameless here means “forgiven.” Some translations read, “The righteous man walks in integrity.”
* How does your walk bless your children and grandchildren?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 21:2***

***All a man’s ways seem right to him,***

***but the Lord weighs the heart.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 22:3***

***A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge,***

***but the simple keep going and suffer for it.***

* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 23rd / Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 23:24***

***The father of a righteous man has great joy;***

***he who has a wise son delights in him.***

* How does one become “righteous”?
* Does your earthly father have great joy and delight in you?
* Does your heavenly father have great joy and delight in you?
* Do you have great joy and delight in your son or daughter?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 24:16***

***for though a righteous man falls seven times,***

***he rises again,***

***but the wicked are brought down by calamity.***

* What is the difference between a righteous man and a wicked man?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 25:12***

***Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold***

***is a wise man’s rebuke to a listening ear.***

* Tony Evans taught Promise Keepers a tremendous truth. Every man needs a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy in his life. A “Paul” is a man of wisdom who can correct you. A “Barnabas” is a man of compassion who will encourage you. A “Timothy” is a man of inexperience that needs your wisdom.
* Who is your “Paul,” “Barnabas,” and “Timothy”?  
  How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 26:20***

***Without wood a fire goes out;***

***without gossip a quarrel dies down.***

* How do you deal with gossip?
* Is there any good that comes from gossip?
* Is there any bad that comes from gossip?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 27:1***

***Do not boast about tomorrow,***

***for you do not know what a day may bring forth.***

* Read James 4:13-17
* Do these verses condemn planning for the future?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 28:1***

***The wicked man flees though no one pursues,***

***but the righteous are as bold as a lion.***

* What is the difference between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 29:8***

***Mockers stir up a city,***

***but the wise turn away anger.***

* Who is a “mocker”? See Proverbs 21:24
* How does a mocker “stir things up”?
* Who is “wise”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 30:32-33***

***“If you play the fool and exalt yourself,***

***or if you plan evil,***

***clap your hand over your mouth!***

***For as churning cream produces butter,***

***and as twisting the nose produces blood,***

***so stirring up anger produces strife.”***

* What does it mean to “exalt yourself”?
* How does “exalting yourself” or “planning evil” stir up anger and produce strife?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***August 31st / Proverbs 31***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Remember THE DIFFERENCE between a person who is righteous and a person who is wicked.

***Read Proverbs 31:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 31:4-5***

***It is not for kings, Lemuel –***

***it is not for kings to drink wine,***

***not for rulers to crave beer,***

***lest they drink and forget what has been decreed,***

***and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.***

* Why is it not wise for a king to drink wine or crave beer?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***Dialogue…Month 3***

I hope that you are learning to hear from God as He speaks through His Word. I also hope that you are learning to respond to Him appropriately. By now, you should be seeing wisdom in your decisions. If not, stay the course!

***September 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 1:10***

***My son, if sinners entice you, don’t be persuaded.***

* What does it mean to be “enticed”?
* What ways are you sometimes “enticed” by satan/sinners?
* How important is it to recognize spiritual warfare in our lives?
* What are ways that you can be prepared to fight your spiritual war?  
  (Ephesians 6:10-20)
* How will you apply Proverbs 1:10 to your life?

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***September 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 2:16***

***It will rescue you from a forbidden woman   
a wayward woman with her flattering talk.***

* What is the rescue from lust/seduction?
* Although this verse deals directly with lust/seduction, what else does God’s Word deliver you from?
* How does this verse connect with Galatians 5:16-18
* How will you apply these verses to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 3:9***

***Honor the Lord with your possessions  
and with the first produce of your entire harvest***

* What does it mean to “honor the Lord with your possessions”?
* Are you currently honoring the Lord with your “possessions”?
* In what ways can you practically honor God with your possessions?
* How else will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 4:5***

***Get wisdom, get understanding;  
don’t forget or turn away from the words from my mouth.***

* How do you get “wisdom” and “understanding?
* Who is talking in the verse above? Who is his audience?
* How can you guard yourself from turning away from God’s Word?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 5:3-4***

***Though the lips of the forbidden woman drip honey  
and her words are smoother than oil,   
in the end she’s as bitter as wormwood  
and as sharp as a double-edged sword***

* Although this verse deals directly with lust/seduction, what are other “forbidden” things that you may be drawn to?
* What does this verse tell you about the “forbidden” things?
* What is the end result of the “forbidden” things?
* How does this verse connect with Genesis 3:1-7?
* How can you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 6:27-28***

***Can a man embrace fire   
and his clothes not be burned?  
Can a man walk on burning coals   
without scorching his feet?***

* Remember: sin always has consequences whether you see them directly or not.
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 7:8-9***

***Crossing the street near her corner,   
he strolled down the road to her house  
at twilight, in the evening, in the dark of the night.***

* Evil is done in the dark… how can you practice living in the light?
* What accountability is in your life to keep you in the light?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 8:17***

***I love those who love me,  
and those who search for me find me.***

* Who is “me” in this verse?
* Why is wisdom important?
* How does this verse say we gain godly wisdom? (James 1:5)
* How can you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 9:17-18***

***Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten secretly is tasty!  
But he doesn’t know that the departed spirits are there  
that her guest are in the depths of Sheol.***

* Secret sin may be pleasing at times, but it is never acceptable to God.
* Is there any secret sin you may be hiding and need to repent of?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 10:20***

***The tongue of the righteous is pure silver;  
the heart of the wicked is of little value.***

* Are you using your words to build others up or tear others down?
* How does this verse compare to James 3:1-12?
* How will you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 11:7***

***When the wicked person dies, his expectation comes to nothing  
and hope placed in wealth vanishes.***

* What does it mean “his expectation comes to nothing?”
* Are you placing hope in anything other than Christ alone?
* How does this verse compare to Ecclesiastes 2:1-11?
* How can you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 12:15***

***A fool’s way is right in his own eyes  
but whoever listens to counsel is wise***

* What does “right in his own eyes” mean?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 13th/ Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 13:10***

***Arrogance leads to nothing but strife,  
but wisdom is gained by those who take advice.***

* How can you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 14:17***

***A quick-tempered person acts foolishly,   
and one who schemes is hated.***

* Are you a quick-tempered person?
* Does the fruit of Spirit flow from your heart and into your marriage, friendships, etc.?
* How can you apply this verse to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 15:3***

***The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,  
observing the wicked and the good.***

* Do you recognize God’s presence in your life?
* Do you recognize God’s presence even in the mundane things?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 16:31***

***Grey hair is a glorious crown;  
it is found in the ways of righteousness***

* Age is not always a sign of wisdom; however, godly elders will have experienced His faithfulness throughout their life.
* Why should we honor our elderly believers?
* What specific ways can you honor elderly believers in your life?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 17th/ Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 17:12***

***Better for a person to meet a bear robbed of her cubs  
than a fool in his foolishness.***

* How does God see those who do not seek wisdom?
* Are you daily seeking the wisdom of God?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 18:12  
Before his downfall a person’s heart is proud  
but humility comes before honor.***

* What comes before a person’s downfall?
* How can you exhibit humility in your life today?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 19:1***

***Better a poor person who lives with integrity  
than someone who has deceitful lips and is a fool.***

* What is “integrity”?
* Are you living a life of integrity or playing the fool?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 20:9  
Who can say,   
“I have kept my heart pure; I am cleansed from my sin”?***

* None of us are perfect (Romans 3:23), yet if we’ve accepted Christ, we are considered pure and righteous!
* Only those who have a relationship with Christ are covered   
  (1 John 1:9).
* How does this verse compare to Romans 6:1-14?
* Have you thanked God for the forgiveness he offers through Christ?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 21:31***

***A horse is prepared for the day of battle,  
but victory comes from the Lord***

* Do you see your need for the Lord?
* Are you living on your own strength or finding rest in the Lord?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 22:2***

***Rich and poor have this in common:  
the Lord makes them all.***

* If the Lord is the creator of all, do you view others the way God does?
* Many times we can judge others based on looks, cultural standards, etc; but do you see all people as created in the “image of God”
* If the rich and poor are created by God in His image, what does that say about God’s love for all people?
* How can you share God’s love with someone that may be different than you?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 23rd/ Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 23:17***

***Apply yourself to discipline  
and listen to the listen to the words of knowledge***

* What are ways you “apply yourself to discipline”?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 24:19***

***Don’t be agitated by evildoers,  
and don’t envy the wicked***

* What does it mean to “envy the wicked”?
* As it is mentioned many times in proverbs, why do you think its important not to “envy the wicked?”
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 25:19***

***Trusting an unreliable person in a difficult time  
is like a rotten tooth or a faltering foot***

* What does it mean to be “unreliable”?
* God’s Word equips us with practical advice as well as spiritual advice. Why is it important to be reliable in your marriage, work, etc.?
* Have you thanked God for always being faithful and reliable in your difficulties?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 26:20***

***Without wood, fire goes out;  
without gossip, conflict dies down.***

* Are you fanning the flame or putting out fires of conflict in your life?
* Unity in the church is important to God, are you a church member that promotes unity or demotes unity through gossip?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 27:19***

***As water reflects the face,   
so the heart reflects the person***

* If your actions reflect your heart, what does your heart look like today?
* How does this verse relate to Luke 6:43-45?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 28:13  
The one who conceals his sins will not prosper  
but whoever confesses and renounces them will find mercy***

***.***

* What does it mean to “confess and renounce” sin?
* No sin is hidden before God, yet God wants His people to confess their sins to him. Why?
* Are you regularly confessing your sin to God or are you one who “conceals”?
* How does this verse relate to 1 John 1:9?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 29:6***

***An evil person is caught by sin,  
but the righteous sing and rejoice***

* The freedom of guilt and shame is an aspect of the Christian life.
* Have you thanked God for this freedom that came only through the blood of Christ on the cross?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***September 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 30:5***

***Every word of God is pure;***

***he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.***

* The entirety of God’s Word is trustworthy and pure.
* How does this verse relate to Psalm 19:7-11?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***Dialogue…Month 4***

For much too long, my prayer life was a monologue. I spoke to God, confident that He would listen and hoping He would answer. Now, my desire is dialogue. I want to hear from Him and respond to Him.

We hear from Him most clearly through His Word. From His Word, we can gain knowledge. Wisdom comes when we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our decisions and actions based upon our knowledge of His Word. Wisdom is applied knowledge.

In the New Testament, the epistle of James tells us there are two kinds of wisdom, earthly and heavenly. He says:

**BUT THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN**

**IS FIRST OF ALL PURE; THEN PEACE-LOVING,**

**CONSIDERATE, SUBMISSIVE,**

**FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUIT,**

**IMPARTIAL AND SINCERE.**

**(James 3:17)**

Also in the epistle of James, we are told:

**IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM,**

**HE SHOULD ASK GOD,**

**WHO GIVES GENEROUSLY…**

**(James 1:5)**

I have been guilty of desiring heavenly wisdom, asking God for it, saying “Amen” and expecting wisdom to just be “injected” somehow into my life. After three months in the Proverbs, we have begun to see how God gives wisdom. He speaks truth to us, primarily through His word. We accept it as truth and commit to applying that truth to our lives, with His enablement. Then, we have wisdom. This month, I encourage you to ask God for heavenly wisdom as you read the Proverbs.

***October 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 1:32-33***

***For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,***

***and the complacency of fools will destroy them;***

***but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease,***

***without fear of harm.***

* In order to understand these 2 verses, you will need to read verses 20-33.
* Verse 20 speaks of “wisdom calling”…is this literal or figurative?
* What is wisdom’s plea?
* What is the response of the people?
* What is the result of that decision?
* In light of this context, what is God saying to you in verses 32 – 33?
* How will you respond? Write your prayer out.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer out.

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***Proverbs 2:9-10***

***Then you will understand what is right and just and fair***

***-every good path.***

***For wisdom will enter your heart,***

***and knowledge will be good for your soul.***

* In order to understand these 2 verses, you will need to read verses 1-10.
* Verses 9 & 10 are part of a conditional statement. IF certain conditions are met, THEN you can expect the following.
* What conditions (“if statements”) are found in verses 1-8?
* IF the conditions of verses 1-8 are met, THEN what can be expected?
* Based upon this context, what do these verses say to you?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer.

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***Proverbs 3:13***

***Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,***

***the man who gains understanding…***

* What does it mean to be “blessed”?
* What does it say about us if we need to “find wisdom”?
* What does it say about us if we need to “gain understanding”?
* What does this say to you?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer.

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***Proverbs 4:7***

***Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.***

***Though it cost you all you have, get understanding.***

* Take this verse one line at a time. In the first line, what does Solomon mean when he wrote “wisdom is supreme”?
* In the second line, what is Solomon saying?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 5:15***

***Drink water from your own cistern,***

***running water from your own well.***

* To understand this verse, you need to understand its context, which is verses 3-20.
* In light of the context, what is verse 15 saying?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 6:12-14***

***A scoundrel and villain…***

***-he always stirs up dissension.***

* Are you a problem solver or do you stir up dissension?
* Do people come to you often, trying to stir up dissension?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 7:21-23***

***With persuasive words she led him astray;***

***she seduced him with her smooth talk.***

***All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter,***

***like a deer stepping into a noose***

***til an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare,***

***little knowing it will cost him his life.***

* In verses 21-23, we see the destruction of a man.
* Back in verses 7 & 8, we see how it began.
* Are you walking in the direction of sin?
* Do you know someone walking in the direction of sin?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 8:32***

***“Now then, my sons, listen to me;***

***blessed are those who keep my ways…”***

* When you read this entire Proverb, the “me” is wisdom.
* To understand verse 32, you need to read verses 22-31.
* In light of all of these verses, why should we listen to wisdom?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 9:4 and 16***

***“Let all who are simple come in here!”***

* These verses are identical. However, they come from two different voices. What are those voices?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 10:19***

***When words are many, sin is not absent,***

***but he who holds his tongue is wise.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 11:2***

***When pride comes, then comes disgrace,***

***but with humility comes wisdom.***

* How does God feel about pride?
* Does God have the ability to detect “false humility”?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 12:13***

***An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk,***

***but a righteous man escapes trouble.***

* Have you ever been “trapped” by sinful talk?
* How does a man become “righteous”?
* How does a righteous man talk?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 13th / Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 13:6***

***Righteousness guards the man of integrity,***

***but wickedness overthrows a sinner.***

* Righteousness and wickedness are opposites. Righteousness “guards”. Wickedness “overthrows”.
* Are you a man of integrity?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 14:9***

***Fools mock at making amends for sin,***

***but goodwill is found among the upright.***

* What is meant by “making amends for sin”?
* How does “making amends for sin” promote “goodwill”?
* Is there any unconfessed sin in your life?
* Even after we have confessed and repented and God has forgiven, there is often still a need to make amends with others against whom we have sinned. Is there anyone you need to make amends?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 15:31***

***He who listens to a life-giving rebuke***

***will be at home among the wise.***

* What is rebuke?
* How can rebuke be “life-giving”?
* Is every rebuke “life-giving”?
* How do we know if it is “life-giving rebuke”?
* Who are the wise?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 16:9***

***In his heart a man plans his course,***

***but the Lord determines his steps.***

* This is one of those verses that include both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man. Do you see both?
* How does this work? How does a man plan his course but God determine his steps?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 17th / Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 17:24***

***A discerning man keeps wisdom in view,***

***but a fool’s eyes wander to the ends of the earth.***

* What does it mean to “keep wisdom in view”?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 18:16***

***A gift opens the way for the giver***

***and ushers him into the presence of the great.***

* How does a gift benefit the receiver?
* How does a gift benefit the giver?
* How can living out this proverb bring honor to God?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 19:23***

***The fear of the Lord leads to life;***

***Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.***

* What is the fear of the Lord?
* What is contentment? What does contentment and the fear of the Lord have to do with each other?
* If one rests content, does that mean he will never have trouble?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 20:15***

***Gold there is, and rubies in abundance,***

***but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.***

* Why is gold valuable?
* Are rubies “everywhere”?
* What does Solomon say is the rarest of all?
* What is knowledge?
* What does it mean to speak knowledge?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 21:1***

***The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord;***

***He directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.***

* There are two ways to look at this verse. First, Solomon could be referring to himself. His heart is in the hand of the Lord. The other possibility is Solomon was referring to kings in general. If Solomon is talking about himself, then what is he saying? If Solomon is talking about a pagan king, that what is he saying?
* Can the Lord direct the heart of an unbeliever? See 2 Chronicles 36:22.
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 22:12***

***The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge,***

***but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.***

* What is knowledge?
* Why would the Lord keep watch over knowledge?
* Have you ever seen Him frustrate the words of the unfaithful?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 23rd / Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

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***Proverbs 23:10-11***

***Do not move an ancient boundary stone***

***or encroach on the fields of the fatherless,***

***for their Defender is strong;***

***he will take up their case against you.***

* Who is their Defender?
* Encroaching on the fields of the fatherless definitely deserves judgment. What is meant by an ancient boundary stone?
* Are there symbolic ancient boundary stones that should not be moved? What about marriage? This institution is ancient. It dates back to the garden. Hasn’t our culture “moved” that stone?
* Why does God give boundaries?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 24:19-20***

***DO NOT FRET BECAUSE OF EVIL MEN***

***OR BE ENVIOUS OF THE WICKED,***

***FOR THE EVIL MAN HAS NO FUTURE HOPE,***

***AND THE LAMP OF THE WICKED WILL BE SNUFFED OUT.***

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 25:26***

**LIKE A MUDDIED SPRING OR A POLLUTED WELL**

**IS A RIGHTEOUS MAN WHO GIVES WAY TO THE WICKED.**

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 26:12***

***Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?***

***There is more hope for a fool than for him.***

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 27:21***

***The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,***

***but man is tested by the praise he receives.***

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 28:9***

***If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law,***

***even his prayers are detestable.***

* Understand, this is the law of God. Later, scribes and Pharisees would manipulate and cover the law with their fingerprints. Solomon was prior to that.
* Have you ever been tempted to turn a deaf ear to God’s law?
* How does that affect your prayer life?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 29:13***

***The poor man and the oppressor have this in common:***

***The Lord gives sight to the eyes of both.***

* This verse should be good news to the poor man and bad news to the oppressor. Why?
* How does this verse speak to you?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 30:8-9***

***Keep falsehood and lies far from me;***

***give me neither poverty nor riches,***

***but give me only my daily bread.***

***Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you***

***and say, “Who is the Lord?”***

***Or I may become poor and steal,***

***and so dishonor the name of my God.***

* Could you sincerely pray verse 8?
* How true is verse 9?
* Reflect on these two verses as you read Matthew 6:9-13 – especially verse 11.
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***October 31st / Proverbs 31***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 31:8***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Proverbs 31:8-9***

***Who can find a wife of noble character?   
She is far more precious than jewels.***

* Men: Have you thanked the Lord for your wife? If single, is this the kind of woman you are perusing?
* Women: Is this the kind of character you are striving for?
* How will you apply this to your life?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***Dialogue…Month 5***

Over the last four months, my prayer is that you have seen your prayer life transform from monologue to dialogue. I hope you have allowed our Lord to initiate your conversation. I hope you have responded to Him with requests for enablement and empowerment. I hope you have experienced remorse and repentance. I hope you have found peace in His purpose for you.

As you read through the Proverbs this month, please ask the Lord to place a person or people on your heart to approach about leading them through this same study beginning in July.

Let me remind you that knowledge is an understanding of His Word. Godly wisdom is the application of His Word to our everyday lives. I pray that you grow in knowledge and wisdom.

**Gold there is, and rubies in abundance,**

**but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.**

* **Proverbs 20:15**

Make it your goal to be that rare jewel.

***November 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 1:29***

***Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord…***

* To grasp the context of this verse, read verses 20-33.
* What is knowledge?
* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Love Hate*

*Knowledge Knowledge*

* What proves your love for knowledge?
* Write your prayer out.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer out.

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***Proverbs 2:20***

***Thus you will walk in the ways of good men***

***and keep to the paths of the righteous.***

* This entire chapter provides the context for verse 20.
* The chapter speaks of wisdom, understanding, insight, the fear of the Lord, discretion, and protection.
* How do all of these words tie to verse 20?
* What do these verses say to you?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 3:5-6***

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart***

***and lean not on your own understanding;***

***in all your ways acknowledge him,***

***and he will make your paths straight.***

* What does it mean to “trust”?
* What does it mean to “trust in the Lord with all your heart”?
* Compare and contrast His understanding to your understanding.
* What does it mean to “acknowledge Him”?
* What do these verses say to you?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 4:11***

***I will guide you in the way of wisdom***

***and lead you along straight paths.***

* Verse 1is a father’s plea to his son. This plea continues throughout this chapter.
* Remember, Solomon wrote the Proverbs. He had sons.
* What is wisdom?
* If you have or had a father who guided you in the way of wisdom, stop now and give thanks for him.
* If you are a father, are you guiding your children in the way of wisdom?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 5:8***

***Keep to a path far from her,***

***Do not go near the door of her house***

* This chapter is a warning against adultery.
* This warning can be both literal and figurative. Literally, adultery is addressed throughout the Bible. In fact, Jesus said, “Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Figuratively, adultery is used throughout the Bible. Especially in the Old Testament, Israel is accused of adultery by leaving the one true God to follow after false gods.
* In light of the context, what is verse 8 saying?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 6:2-3***

***if you have been trapped by what you said,***

***ensnared by the words of your mouth,***

***then do this, my son, to free yourself,***

***since you have fallen into your neighbor’s hands:***

***Go and humble yourself;***

***Press your plea with your neighbor!***

* Have you ever been “trapped” or “ensnared” with your own words?
* Have you ever tried to “talk your way out of it”? Did it work?
* What is the wise way to get out of such a situation?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 7:15***

***So I came out to meet you;***

***I looked for you and have found you!***

* This chapter is a warning against an adulteress.
* Who is speaking in verse 15?
* Based upon this verse, do you have to be looking for sin to find sin?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 8:17***

***I love those who love me,***

***and those who seek me find me.***

* Who/what is speaking in verse 17?
* What is wisdom? How are wisdom and knowledge connected?
* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Love Knowledge Hate Knowledge*

* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Love Wisdom Hate Wisdom*

* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Seeking Wisdom Avoiding Wisdom*

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 9:8***

***Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;***

***rebuke a wise man and he will love you.***

* What is rebuke?
* How is rebuke profitable?
* Is this an instruction not to rebuke a mocker or a warning of what will happen if you do?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 10:25 & 30***

***When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone,***

***but the righteous stand firm forever.***

***The righteous will never be uprooted,***

***but the wicked will not remain in the land.***

* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 11:3***

***The integrity of the upright guides them,***

***but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.***

* Compare and contrast a person of integrity with an unfaithful person.
* Compare and contrast the words “upright” and “duplicity”.
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 12:16***

***A fool shows his annoyance at once,***

***but a prudent man overlooks an insult.***

* What does “prudent” mean?
* What is another word for “overlooking an insult”?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 13th / Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 13:13***

***He who scorns instruction will pay for it,***

***but he who respects a command is rewarded.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 14:34***

***Righteousness exalts a nation,***

***but sin is a disgrace to any people.***

* People question whether or not the church should be vocal about social and moral issues. What does this verse say?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 15:2, 28***

***The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,***

***but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.***

***The heart of the righteous weighs its answers,***

***but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.***

* The mouth of the fool gushes folly. The mouth of the wicked gushes evil. What does this mean?
* The heart of the righteous weighs its answers. What does this mean?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 16:2***

***All a man’s ways seem innocent to him,***

***but motives are weighed by the Lord.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 17th / Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

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***Proverbs 17:15***

***Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent***

***-the Lord detests them both.***

* How does God feel about justice?
* How does this make you feel about God?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 18:12***

***Before his downfall a man’s heart is proud,***

***but humility comes before honor.***

* Have you seen or personally experienced such a downfall?
* Have you ever been humbled?
* Why does God humble us?
* What is humility?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 19:4***

***Wealth brings many friends,***

***but a poor man’s friend deserts him.***

* Compare this verse with the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32).
* What does this say about the friends you choose?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 20:1***

***Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler;***

***whoever is led astray by them is not wise.***

* What is wisdom?
* How does wine or alcohol or drugs mock wisdom?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 21:11***

***When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom;***

***when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.***

* How do you define a mocker? See verse 24
* What is wisdom?
* How does a mocker’s punishment help one gain wisdom?
* One who gets knowledge from instruction is wise and has a teachable spirit.
* Where would you fall on this scale:

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* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 22:6***

***Train a child in the way he should go,***

***and when he is old he will not turn from it.***

* This is probably the most famous of all the proverbs.
* This is probably one of the most frustrating of all the proverbs. The reason for frustration is that people forget the difference between a proverb and a promise. A proverb is instruction to live by but it is not a promise to claim. This proverb applies to a parent. What is the instruction?
* Have you seen this proverb prove to be true?
* Have you seen a child trained up correctly rebel and never return?
* How do you reconcile that with this verse?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 23rd / Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 23:4***

***Do not wear yourself out to get rich;***

***have the wisdom to show restraint.***

* Throughout the proverbs, a strong work ethic is praised and called for. Does this verse contradict with those other teachings?
* What is wisdom?
* What does it mean to “have the wisdom to show restraint”?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 24:3-4***

***By wisdom a house is built,***

***and through understanding it is established;***

***through knowledge its rooms are filled***

***with rare and beautiful treasures.***

* A “house” can refer to a physical structure such as Proverbs 14:1, or a family such as Joshua 24:15, or a family lineage such as 2 Samuel 7:11-12. It is pretty clear that this verse is not referring to a physical structure. Therefore, it is referring to either a family or a family lineage.
* Think about your family and your family lineage. Is wisdom the cornerstone? If it is, take time to thank God for such a heritage. If it is not, take time to commit to being the one who changes that by His grace.
* Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 25:21-22***

***If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;***

***if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.***

***In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head,***

***and the Lord will reward you.***

* Metals are melted by placing burning coals on them. The statement in verse 22 is a reference to a man’s heart being softened.
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life – especially your enemy? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 26:4-5***

***Do not answer a fool according to his folly,***

***or you will be like him yourself.***

***Answer a fool according to his folly,***

***or he will be wise in his own eyes.***

* Which one is it? Answer or don’t answer? Verse 4 teaches us not to agree with foolishness or we will become a fool also. Verse 5 teaches us to respond to foolishness with truth. If someone is a fool simply out of ignorance of the truth, then you can be the one God uses to enlighten that person. If that person chooses to reject truth once you have communicated it, at least truth has been proclaimed.
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 27:2***

***Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;***

***someone else, and not your own lips.***

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 28:26***

***He who trusts in himself is a fool,***

***but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.***

* What is wisdom?
* How do we get wisdom?
* What does it mean to walk in wisdom?
* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Walking Trusting*

*In Wisdom In Self*

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 29:18***

***Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;***

***But blessed is he who keeps the law.***

* When there is no revelation, it is due to one of two things. It could mean there is a lack of the Word. Such was the case in 1 Samuel 3:1. Such is the case in many homes. It could also mean there is a lack of hearing the Word. Such was the case in Amos 8:11. Such is the case in many lives. Do you spend time hearing and obeying the Word? That is one of the reasons for Dialogue…
* According to this verse, what happens when the Word is absent from a person’s life?
* According to this verse, what happens when the Word is heard and obeyed?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***November 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 30:4b***

***…Tell me if you know!***

* This proverb includes “the sayings of Agur.” Who was Agur? We do not know exactly. It appears he was a man of wisdom during the time of Solomon. He begins this chapter with great humility and a strong desire to know the Lord.
* Where would you fall on this scale:

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*Desire to know more Satisfied with what I know*

*about the Lord about the Lord*

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***Dialogue…Month 6***

Now that we have reached our final month of Dialogue…, I hope you have learned how to hear the Lord speak. More important, I hope you have responded appropriately to what He has said to you. Remember, wisdom is putting knowledge into action.

When we reach the end of this month, I will provide you with two new notebooks that will carry you through the second half of the year. You were asked early-on to pray that the Lord would put someone on your heart to lead them through the journey you have been on for the last six months. The format will be the same as we have seen each month since the first of the year. The dates will change but the questions will remain the same. I encourage you to begin a fresh journey through Proverbs along with the one(s) you are leading.

**THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON SON OF DAVID,**

**KING OF ISRAEL:**

**FOR ATTAINING WISDOM AND DISCIPLINE;**

**FOR UNDERSTANDING WORDS OF INSIGHT;**

**FOR ACQUIRING A DISCIPLINED AND PRUDENT LIFE,**

**DOING WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST AND FAIR;**

**FOR GIVING PRUDENCE TO THE SIMPLE,**

**KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION TO THE YOUNG –**

**-FOR UNDERSTANDING PROVERBS AND PARABLES,**

**THE SAYINGS AND RIDDLES OF THE WISE.**

**-Proverbs 1:1-4, 6**

***December 1st / Proverbs 1***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 1:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 1:33***

***…whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease,***

***without fear or harm.***

* Who or what is given a voice in verse 33?
* Is this a promise or a principle?
* How does this verse lead you to pray for yourself?
* How does this verse lead you to pray for others?

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 2nd / Proverbs 2***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 2:1-22***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer out.

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***Proverbs 2:11***

***Discretion will protect you,***

***and understanding will guard you.***

* Take a moment to read Psalm 119:11, 97-104
* How do the truths in Psalm 119 interact with the principals in Proverbs 2?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 3rd / Proverbs 3***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 3:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer.

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***Proverbs 3:9***

***Honor the Lord with your wealth,***

***with the firstfruits of all your crops.***

* The word “honor” in Hebrew literally means to “to make weighty”. Have you ever picked up a bag of coins? Those coins can get heavy. The picture here is giving all our coins, gold, silver (our wealth) to the Lord. The KJV translates “wealth” as “substance”. We “weigh Him down”, in a good way, with all we have.
* The word “firstfruits” means “the first” or “the best”. In Mosaic law, worshipers would bring “the first” or “the best” of their harvest. This recognized Him as holy, worthy of only our best. This also recognized Him as Provider in saying, “I will give the Lord my firstfruit, trusting Him to meet my needs with the rest of my crop.”
* Do you honor the Lord with your wealth?
* Do you honor Him with what is first and best?
* Write out your prayer to Him.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 4th / Proverbs 4***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 4:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write your prayer.

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***Proverbs 4:14-15***

***Do not set foot on the path of the wicked***

***or walk in the way of evil men.***

***Avoid it, do not travel on it;***

***turn from it and go on your way.***

* The path of the wicked can be both enticing and destructive. It can be both appealing and sinful.
* Are you traveling on this path?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 5th / Proverbs 5***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 5:1-23***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 5:11-14***

***At the end of your life you will groan,***

***when your flesh and body are spent.***

***You will say, “How I hated discipline!***

***How my heart spurned correction!***

***I would not obey my teachers***

***or listen to my instructors.***

***I have come to the brink of utter ruin***

***in the midst of the whole assembly.***

* The context for Proverbs 5 is a warning against immorality, specifically adultery.
* Verse 14 presents the idea of a person who was “in the assembly”, which is kind of like someone who had been “in the church” but chose a life of immoral and adulterous behavior.
* What are these verses saying?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 6th / Proverbs 6***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 6:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 6:25***

***Do not lust in your heart***

***after her (the immoral woman, verse 24) beauty***

***or let her captivate you with her eyes.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 7th / Proverbs 7***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 7:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 7:25***

***Do not let your heart turn to her (an adultress) ways***

***or stray into her paths.***

* I do not know of one example of an adulterer who woke up one day with the intent of destroying his family, his reputation, etc. by saying, “I think today I will stray and be unfaithful to my wife.” Instead, every situation of adultery that I am aware of began with an initially innocent, emotional connection with a woman other than his wife. Before they knew it, their heart had turned.
* How do you keep this from happening?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 8th / Proverbs 8***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.

***Read Proverbs 8:1-36***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 8:1, 4***

***Does not wisdom call out?***

***Does not understanding raise her voice?***

***“To you, O men, I call out;***

***I raise my voice to all mankind.***

* Does God offer wisdom only to a select few?
* What is the Bible saying in these two verses?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 9th / Proverbs 9***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 9:1-18***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 9:10***

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,***

***and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.***

* This is one of three verses in the Psalms and Proverbs that speak of “the beginning of wisdom”. They each say something different. Read Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, and Proverbs 9:10. What do these verses say together about “the beginning of wisdom”?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 10th / Proverbs 10***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 10:1-32***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 10:3***

***The Lord does not the righteous go hungry***

***but He thwarts the craving of the wicked.***

* The word “righteous” in verse 3 is found 49 times in the Proverbs. This word means “lawful”. It does not mean “perfect”. It does mean a lifestyle that is pleasing to the Lord.
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 11th / Proverbs 11***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 11:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 11:27***

***He who seeks good finds goodwill,***

***but evil comes to him who searches for it.***

* This verse speaks for itself.
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 12th / Proverbs 12***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 12:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 12:1***

***Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,***

***but he who hates correction is stupid.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 13th / Proverbs 13***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 13:1-25***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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***Proverbs 13:3***

***He who guards his lips guards his life,***

***but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 14th / Proverbs 14***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 14:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 14:29***

***A patient man has great understanding,***

***but a quick-tempered man displays folly.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 15th / Proverbs 15***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 15:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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***Proverbs 15:29***

***The Lord is far from the wicked***

***but He hears the prayer of the righteous.***

* A wicked man is sinful. Sin separates us from God. That’s what makes Him seem “far” away.
* A righteous man is not without sin. A righteous man desires to be quick to confess sin and repent / turn from sin.
* Does the Lord hear your prayer?
* Have you asked Him to forgive you of specific sin?
* Have you repented / turned from that specific sin?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 16th / Proverbs 16***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 16:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 16:32***

***Better a patient man than a warrior,***

***a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 17th / Proverbs 17***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 17:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 17:26***

***It is not good to punish an innocent man,***

***or to flog officials for their integrity.***

* How does God feel about injustice?
* How does this make you feel about God?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 18th / Proverbs 18***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 18:1-24***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 18:13***

***He who answers before listening***

***-that is his folly and shame.***

* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 19th / Proverbs 19***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 19:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 19:17***

***He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,***

***and He will reward him for what he has done.***

* Compare this verse with Proverbs 14:31
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 20th / Proverbs 20***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 20:1-30***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 20:12***

***Ears that hear and eyes that see***

***-the Lord has made them both.***

* We can look at this verse from two perspectives. First, since you and I can hear and see because we are the Lord’s creation, we need to know that He can hear and see also. Second, hearing and seeing are 2 of the 5 senses God gave us. Have you thanked Him for being able to hear, see, feel, taste and smell?
* How will you apply this verse to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 21st / Proverbs 21***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 21:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 21:13***

***If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor,***

***he too will cry out and not be answered.***

* Compare this to Proverbs 14:31.
* How does God feel about the poor?
* How does God feel about the way we treat the poor?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 22nd / Proverbs 22***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask God to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 22:1-29***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 22:19***

***So that your trust may be in the Lord,***

***I teach you today, even you.***

* Matthew 28:19-20 is Christ’s command to all true believers. What does it say?
* How does this verse interact with The Great Commission in Matthew 28?
* Who are you discipling?
* Who will you lead through Dialogue…?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 23rd / Proverbs 23***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 23:1-35***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 23:15-16***

***My son, if your heart is wise,***

***then my heart will be glad;***

***my inmost being will rejoice***

***when your lips speak what is right.***

* The context of these verses include the correction/discipline mentioned in verses 13 and 14. The goal of correction/discipline is for the child to make wise choices, which will bring great joy to a parent.
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 24th / Proverbs 24***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 24:1-34***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 24:10, 16***

***If you falter in times of trouble,***

***how small is your strength?***

***for though a righteous man falls seven times,***

***he rises again,***

***but the wicked are brought down by calamity.***

* Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
* How do you connect Paul’s weaknesses and strength with what Solomon is saying in these two verses in Proverbs 24?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 25th / Proverbs 25***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 25:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 25:11-12***

***A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.***

***Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold***

***Is a wise man’s rebuke to a listening ear.***

* Words aptly spoken are appropriate and valuable.
* Even rebuke is appropriate and valuable when spoken by a wise man.
* Who is a wise man?
* How will you apply these verses to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 26th / Proverbs 26***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 26:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 26:7***

***Like a lame man’s legs that hang limp***

***is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.***

* We have spent almost six months studying Proverbs. This verse suggests these proverbs could be useless. What is this verse saying?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 27th / Proverbs 27***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 27:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 27:17***

***As iron sharpens iron,***

***so one man sharpens another.***

* A few days ago, the Great Commission of Matthew 28 was mentioned.
* You were asked who you planned to lead through Dialogue…
* Do you see the purpose of doing this in this verse?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 28th / Proverbs 28***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 28:1-28***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 28:14***

***Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord,***

***but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.***

* What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?
* How does someone “harden his heart”?
* What is the danger of a “hardened heart”?
* Read Matthew 19:1-9. Verse 8 tells us what is at the heart of every divorce. What is it?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 29th / Proverbs 29***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 29:1-27***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 29:6***

***An evil man is snared by his own sin,***

***but a righteous one can sing and be glad.***

* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 30th / Proverbs 30***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 30:1-33***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 30:5-6***

***Every word of God is flawless;***

***He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.***

***Do not add to His words,***

***or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.***

* Have you learned to have Dialogue… with God?
* Do you have a greater appreciation for His Word now than you did back in January?
* Matthew 28 commissions us to be disciple makers, teaching others.
* Are you committed to teaching others how to have Dialogue… with God?
* Who will you teach?
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***

***December 31st / Proverbs 31***

***Before you read:***

* Remember the high price paid for you to have instant access to God.
* Read desiring God to speak to you. This is DIALOGUE.
* Read desiring to respond appropriately, whatever He might say.
* Ask the Lord to give you heavenly wisdom.

***Read Proverbs 31:1-31***

***After you have read:***

* Did a specific verse identify a situation in your life?
* Write that verse / those verses out:

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* How will you respond to what God has said? Write out your prayer.

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***Proverbs 31:30***

***Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;***

***but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.***

* We have seen often in the Proverbs the charm of an immoral woman leading a fool down a path of destruction. In contrast to that is a “Proverbs 31 Woman”. If you are married, does your wife fear the Lord? If so, there is instruction in this verse. If you are not married, this is type of woman you should be looking for!
* How will you apply this to your life? Write out your prayer.
* How will you intercede for others in your life? Write out your prayer.

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***Has there been DIALOGUE between you and God?***