



SERMON-TEXT DEVOTIONAL

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEXT || PROVERBS 10:1-22:16



THE PATH OF THE WISE SON: Read Proverbs 10

Last week we looked at several of the wisdom poems found in the first section of the book of Proverbs. This week we will begin studying several of the individual proverbs of Solomon.

- o This collection of proverbs urges the son to take the wise path and pursue righteousness. Which proverbs stood out to you in this section?
- o This section suggests that what people hunger for (desire) and what people say, are indicators of which path they are walking on. What do your desires, and the means by which you are seeking to attain them, say about the path you are on?

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WISE COUNSEL: Read Proverbs 11:14, 12:15, 15:22, 18:1 & 20:18

Let's explore the theme found in Proverbs about the wisdom of seeking wise counsel.

- o What stands out to you after reading these proverbs?
- o Would you say that you have godly men and women who are actively speaking into your life and giving you wise counsel?
- o Consider 1 Peter 5:1-5 and Titus 2. How is the truth of these proverbs supposed to be lived out in the church?

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LAZY FOOLS: Read Proverbs 10:4, 10:26, 12:24, 13:14, 14:23 & 20:4

Today we will look at the trap of laziness.

- o How might the truth that we are NOT saved by works lead to laziness or complacency?
- o Hard work is good. How do these proverbs and passages like Ephesians 2:8-10 highlight this?
- o Would you consider yourself a hard worker? Would others consider you a hard worker?

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SLOW TO ANGER: Read 14:17, 29, 15:18, 16:32 & 19:11

We serve a God who is slow to anger (Exodus 34:6), let's consider the wisdom of living lives that reflect this characteristic of God.

- o Think of examples where you have seen Proverbs 15:18 at work in the world.
- o Consider James 1:19-20, why are we so often slow to listen and so quick to speak?
- o Patience and forgiveness are closely linked in Proverbs (19:11). Read Matthew 18:21-35, where might you need to receive or offer forgiveness in your own life?

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DAY 5

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE: Read Proverbs 10:11, 13:14, 14:27 & 16:22

There are four things that are considered to be a fountain of life in the book of Proverbs. Let's consider each one of them.

- What are the four things that are considered to be a 'fountain of life?'
- What is significant about these four characteristics of wisdom and how do they inform our understanding of what the pursuit of wisdom looks like?
- Think about the connection between Proverb's depiction of the fountain of life and Jesus' claims about himself (John 4:13-14 and John 7:37-39).

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