

LESSON PLAN/SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER, 2017
GAINING WISDOM: A STUDY IN THE PROVERBS

<i>MAY 24</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs Introduction; overview of our plan</i>
<i>MAY 31</i>	<i>Pastor Osden - Proverbs 31</i>
<i>JUNE 07</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs 7</i>
<i>JUNE 14</i>	<i>PASTOR WHITE ON VACATION Pastor Osden - Proverbs 14</i>
<i>JUNE 21</i>	<i>PASTOR WHITE ON VACATION Pastor Osden - Proverbs 21</i>
<i>JUNE 28</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs 28</i>
<i>JULY 05</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs 5</i>
<i>JULY 12</i>	<i>Pastor Osden - Proverbs 12</i>
<i>JULY 20*</i>	<i>Singing group from Appalachian Bible College Thursday night</i>
<i>JULY 26</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs 26</i>
<i>AUGUST 02</i>	<i>Pastor Osden - Proverbs 2</i>
<i>AUGUST 09</i>	<i>Pastor White - Proverbs 9</i>
<i>AUGUST 16</i>	<i>Pastor Osden - Proverbs 16</i>
<i>AUGUST 23</i>	<i>Pastor White - Final night - Conclusion on Gaining Wisdom</i>
<i>AUGUST 30</i>	<i>AWANA Starts</i>

THE PLAN

OBJECTIVES:

To encourage the daily family reading of the Proverbs in order

- 1) To give the Spirit of God opportunity to illumine the wisdom of God into the spirit of the readers and hearers*
- 2) To become familiar with the wisdom of God personified in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit*
- 3) To develop the discipline of daily reading and discussing the word of God*

To create a family topical notebook of the wisdom of God from reading the Proverbs

To encourage a church community reading of the word of God simultaneously

In our weekly lessons, to exemplify the way to read and study the Proverbs for maximum gain

To learn to make applications of the Proverbs as nuclear families and as a church family together

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BOUNDARIES FOR PROGRESS AND RECOGNITION:

The daily reading in Proverbs is based on the date of the month. On the 1st of the month, the family reads Proverbs 1; on the 23rd they are reading Proverbs 23 and so on. When the reading is completed, mark it off for that date on the reading chart given to you.

Whoever is your delegated reader, should read it through once or twice for himself and select one of the poems to discuss as a family. With some forethought, a lively discussion can be had.

Make your reading just as energetic as possible. Try to engage your family. If you have little ones bear in mind their attention span and keep your explanation lively. Ask questions; use activity pages; don't get uptight if they do not seem to be doing what you want done, they may still be listening; don't set your expectations too high to make them unreasonable; pray much, asking the Holy Spirit to open hearts including your own to deal with them as compassionately as Jesus would if He were sharing the Word of God with them.

Stickers will be awarded each week for completion of at least 5/7 daily readings. The 5 reading times do not have to be consecutive, but it is better if it is. Part of the goal here is to develop a consistent time of reading for the family.

Stickers will be awarded if the majority of the family members are present for the reading. It is realized that sometimes a family member may not be present for the family reading by no fault of his own.

Stickers will be awarded for cumulative days each week, not each month

Stickers will be given out ONLY on a Wednesday night

If a day of reading is missed, go on to the next day's reading for that date. Do not use the missed reading as the reading for the next day. The missed reading can be made up on another date BUT the readings are to be kept up by the date in the month. For example, if day 5 in the reading is missed, the next day reading is the one for that date. If a family wishes to make up the reading for day 5 they can do so whenever they wish but the readings need to be kept consistently on the date of the month

Make-up readings will count for stickers, if they are done in the same week they were scheduled

If a family goes on vacation or is unable to meet on a Wednesday night to receive their sticker for completion, keep up the readings while on vacation or away and mark it on the family chart that the readings have been done. A sticker for each completed week will be awarded at the first Wednesday night the family is able to attend

A \$5.00 gift certificate at Cherry Berry will be awarded to the family that has a fully completed reading sticker chart

An additional \$5.00 gift certificate will be awarded if there is at least one bonus per month for the months of June, July and August. May does not have enough days in it to be considered. There must be one bonus in each of those months to qualify.

Bonuses will be awarded for:

Reading all 7 readings each week

Making application of a Proverb AND sharing it with the body on Wednesday nights at our fellowship

A family retelling their understanding of a poem in the Proverbs with the gathered body of Christ-worshippers on Wednesday night

A drawing or illustration of one of the Proverbs poems or thoughts

Recording references in the topical notebook

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SUMMER FAMILY BIBLE INSTITUTE, 2017
“GETTING STARTED ON THE WISDOM PATH”

I. WISDOM IS FROM GOD AND IS OLDER THAN CREATION

- A. *Wisdom is personified and found in the Lord Jesus Christ*
Col 2:1-3; 1 Cor 1:26-30;
- B. *Jesus was totally full of the Holy Spirit who empowered Him for ministry*
Luke 1:34-35; Luke 3:16-22; Luke 4:16-21 (Isa 61:1-3, Isa 11:1-2);
Acts 10:34-38
- C. *The Holy Spirit is wisdom* Proverbs 8; 1 Cor 2:6-16
- D. *We have been born again by the Spirit of God, are inhabited by the Spirit of God, and are filled with the Spirit of God*
- E. *The Spirit of God inspired the writing of the Proverbs*

II. PROVERBS IS THE WISDOM OF GOD IN LITERARY FORM

- A. *Inspired by the Holy Spirit, it gives us wisdom for living on the earth with other people, both friend and enemy*
- B. *It is practical wisdom for loving our neighbor as ourselves*
- C. *It is God's sound counsel for how to live and what to avoid*

III. THE DIVISIONS OF THE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. *How many books are in the Old Testament?*
- B. *How are the Old Testament books divided up according to the content of the books?*
 - 1. P _____ or T _____
 - 2. H _____
 - 3. W _____ or P _____ or W _____
 - 4. M _____ P _____
 - 5. M _____ P _____
- C. *Proverbs is a part of number 3*

III. AUTHORS

- A. *Solomon* 1:1-9:18; 10:1-22:16; 25:1-29:27; *Proverbs is one of 3 books attributed to Solomon: Song of Solomon, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes; the rabbis taught that Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon when he was a young man; Proverbs when he was middle aged and Ecclesiastes when he was an older, experienced man. He wrote 3000 proverbs; this is only a small collection of them; the last group was probably from the editing committee appointed by King Hezekiah*
- B. *Wisemen (probably the guys that hung around Solomon)* 22:17-24:34
- C. *Agur, son of Jakeh (?)* 30:1-33
- D. *Lemuel (non-Israelite, maybe from Uz)* 31:1-31

IV. CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROVERBS

- A. In Hebrew, Proverbs is called mishley, the plural form of mashal, the Hebrew word for an instructional poem that used comparisons and contrasts to teach the reader*
- B. Therefore, the book of Proverbs is a **collection of poems**, intended to instruct by comparing one thing to another, contrasting two different things, or enhancing one thing by further elaborating on it.*
- C. Sometimes the poem is only one verse long but it may be quite a few verses.*
- D. Proverbs assumes faith in one God only, the God revealed to Abraham, the Creator of the universe known by Adam and at the very least Noah and his sons. That separates it from the polytheism and the idolatrous nations around them. That has caused critics to say this book was written many years later than it was because monotheism was not developed this well in the days of Solomon. But this assumes that religions all evolved.*
- E. Proverbs makes use of the natural world around the readers to illustrate its poems. It is known that Solomon was quite a scientist or observer of the created order of things in the world (1 Kings 4:29-34). The proverbs also makes use of the social constructs including governmental system that was in power at that time. Proverbs must be read from these constructions and not as if they were written in our world today.*
- F. Proverbs should be read as poetry, rather than a page of prose. Read a poem, stop and consider it or discuss it.*
- G. Many of these poems were collected by King Hezekiah to be included in some of the already collected poetry of Solomon.*

LETS TURN TO PROVERBS 24 :

- A. Proverbs 24 has 17 or 18 separate poems in it: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7, 8-9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-25, 26, 27, 28-29, 30-34.*
- B. Each poem represents a thought and is not necessarily connected to the poem found in the next verse or verses.*
- C. Let's look at 24:3-4*
Pr 24:3 Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. (NKJV)

Your house is your life; he is using the building of a house to illustrate what is needed to build a good life

Wisdom (Heb. chokmah) is the plans, thoughts, preparation, gathering of materials, scheduling and action required to build a house. It is not simply thrown together but must have a systematic and orderly method to fit it together based on what one has learned from the lay of the land, collected wisdom of others, experience, and the resources available to build it

Understanding is the application of all that accumulated wisdom to create a house that will stand under as many circumstances as

might come against that house. It is the practical application of good foundations, solid walls, appropriate lighting etc. But even more, it is the practical application of what makes a house, a home. Understanding is the application of good principles of relationships, sound financial practices, good teaching, proper relationships with neighbors and a good name that will make that home last for generations.

Knowledge is the accumulated facts one gains as he walks through life. It is seen here as furniture, appliances, decorations and useful items good for comfort and need. He sees what would be practical and useful in the rooms of his house. He sees what would be decorative and beautifying for his home. He sees what would please his family. He sees what could provide hospitality for guests; what would be useful in worship and productivity; what would be useful for safety. All of this through wisdom and understanding he adds to his home. He also sees what would be useless or draining for his home and avoids it.

See also Proverbs 24:27