



proverbs: wisdom for living



Proverbs are instructions to obtain wisdom for making decisions which result in successful living.

Proverbs are Principles Not Promises

**The beginning of wisdom is this:
Get wisdom, and whatever you
get, get insight.**

Proverbs 4:7 ESV

Knowledge – intellectual information

**Wisdom – the effective application of
knowledge**

Week 1: The Foundation - Get Wisdom

Week 2: Guard Your Heart

Week 3: The Mouth Speaks

Week 4: Overlooking an Offense

Week 5: The Sovereignty of God

Week 6: Character - A Life of Integrity

Character – the aggregate features and traits that form the individual nature of a person

Integrity – Soundness of moral character, being whole, honest

Honesty – the quality or fact of being truthful. Freedom from deceit or fraud

**Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but he who makes his ways crooked will be
found out.**

Proverbs 10:9 ESV

**O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He
who walks blamelessly and does what is
right and speaks truth in his heart.**

Psalms 15:1-2 ESV

1. Character is Essential for the Follower of Christ

**To do righteousness and justice is more
acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.**

Proverbs 21:3 ESV

“External acts of worship, though according to biblical prescription, are repulsive to God when the heart of the worshiper is wicked.”

John MacArthur

2. God Opposes Those Without Character

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him.

Proverbs 15:8 ESV

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

Proverbs 12:22 ESV

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10 ESV

3. Each Path Has Consequences

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4. Let Character Be Your Guide

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

Proverbs 11:3 ESV

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1. Let your Yes be Yes and your No be No

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

James 5:12 ESV

2. Keep You Promise Even When it Hurts

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?.... (The one) who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind.

Psalm 15:1, 4b NIV

3. Never Compromise Your Character for Material Gain

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Matthew 16:26 ESV