

	<h1>LESSONS FOR LIVING FROM THE PROVERBS</h1>	
	<h2>Session Eight</h2>	

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<h2>Money Recap Session Seven: Management</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Word has much to tell us about how to manage money; the Proverbs are replete with guidance. • Key principles of good money management include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Acknowledging God as the source of all blessings, including monetary blessings. ➢ Giving to aid the needy and to support God's church. ➢ All giving is to be done willingly, cheerfully, secretly, with our firstfruits, in proportion to the increase we've been blessed with, and with an overall attitude of generosity. • Wealth is a potential trap that can lead us away from trust in God. • With a proper focus on Christ and His calling on our life, all our earthly needs will be taken care of. 	<p>Prov. 3:9-10 <i>Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.</i></p> <p>Matt. 6:33 <i>But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.</i></p>
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	ANGER / TEMPER	
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	ANGER / TEMPER	<p>Prov. 14:17 <i>A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of wicked intentions is hated.</i></p> <p>Prov. 15:18 (RSV) <i>A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.</i></p> <p>Prov. 30:33 <i>For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife.</i></p>
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<p>James 1:19-20</p> <p><i>So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.</i></p>	<p>Prov. 25:28</p> <p><i>Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.</i></p>
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	How to deal with anger ...	
<p>Prov. 19:19</p> <p><i>A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.</i></p>	<p>Prov. 15:1</p>	<p><i>A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.</i></p>
	<p>Prov. 19:11</p>	<p><i>The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.</i></p>
	<p>Prov. 14:29</p>	<p><i>He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly.</i></p>
	<p>Prov. 16:32</p>	<p><i>He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.</i></p>
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The anger of the Lord ...	
<p>Isaiah 5:25 <i>Therefore the anger of the Lord is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them And stricken them, And the hills trembled. Their carcasses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.</i></p> <p>Psalm 90:7 <i>For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.</i></p>	<p>Joel 2:13 <i>So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.</i></p> <p>Psalm 30:4-5 <i>Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.</i></p>
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Righteous anger ...	
<p>Psalm 4:4 (RSV) <i>Be angry, but sin not; commune with your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.</i></p> <p>Ephesians 4:26-27 (RSV) <i>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>COMMENTARY: By NT standards, anger can be either good or bad, depending on motive and purpose. Paul may have been sanctioning righteous indignation, anger at evil. This type of anger hates injustice, immorality, ungodliness, and every other sin. When such anger is unselfish and based on love for God and others, it not only is permissible but commanded. Jesus expressed righteous anger ...</p> </div>	<p>Mark 3:5 (NIV) <i>He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.</i></p> <p>John 2:15 <i>When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.</i></p>
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<p>Gal. 5:22-24</p> <p><i>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.</i></p>	<p>2 Peter 1:5-9</p> <p><i>But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.</i></p>
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	<h1>REVENGE</h1>	
	Topic 15	10

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	“Vengeance is mine” ...
<p>Prov. 20:22 (RSV)</p> <p><i>Do not say, “I will repay evil”; wait for the Lord, and he will help you.</i></p>	<p>Romans 12:17-21 (RSV)</p> <p><i>Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.</i></p>
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	The Golden Rule ...
<p>Prov. 24:29</p> <p><i>Do not say, “I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.”</i></p>	<p>Luke 6:31</p> <p><i>And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.</i></p>
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<p>A higher calling ...</p>	
<p>Matt. 5:38-42</p> <p><i>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”</i></p>	<p>Matt. 5:43-45</p> <p><i>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”</i></p>
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	<p>PRIDE</p>	
	<p>Topic 16</p>	<p>14</p>

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	<p>PRIDE</p>	<p>Prov. 8:13 <i>The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.</i></p> <p>Prov. 21:4 <i>A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.</i></p>
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>COMMENTARY: The highest virtue is humility – submission to God. Therefore, the Lord hates pride and self-exultation above all other vices.</p> </div>	<p>Prov. 16:5 <i>Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>

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<p>Prov. 6:16-19</p>	<p>7 things the Lord hates ...</p>
<p><i>These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pride #1 2. Lying 3. Murder 4. Evil plans 5. Evil actions 6. False witness 7. Causing and/or spreading conflict
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<p>Prov. 20:6 <i>Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?</i></p> <p>Prov. 25:6-7 <i>Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great; For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.</i></p>	<p>Luke 14:7-11 <i>So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."</i></p>
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	<h2>Pride's antidotes ...</h2>									
<p>Prov. 16:18 <i>Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.</i></p> <p>Prov. 26:12 <i>Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.</i></p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1312 812 1438">Prov. 28:25</td> <td data-bbox="812 1312 1445 1438"><i>He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1438 812 1543">Prov. 11:2</td> <td data-bbox="812 1438 1445 1543"><i>When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1543 812 1648">Prov. 29:23</td> <td data-bbox="812 1543 1445 1648"><i>A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="592 1648 812 1785">Prov. 3:7</td> <td data-bbox="812 1648 1445 1785"><i>Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.</i></td> </tr> </table>	Prov. 28:25	<i>He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.</i>	Prov. 11:2	<i>When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.</i>	Prov. 29:23	<i>A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.</i>	Prov. 3:7	<i>Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.</i>
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<p>1 John 2:16</p> <p><i>For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.</i></p>	<p>Rev. 3:14-18 (NIV)</p> <p><i>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”</i></p>
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	<h1>REPENTANCE</h1>	
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	<p>REPENTANCE</p>	<p>Prov. 1:23 (NIV) <i>Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.</i></p> <p>Prov. 28:13 <i>He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.</i></p>
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<p>Psalm 32:1-5</p>	
<p><i>Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.</i></p>	<p>1 John 1:9 <i>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</i></p>
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	Some commentary ...
Matt. 3:8 <i>Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance</i>	<p>Repentance itself is not a work, but works are its inevitable fruit. Repentance and faith are inextricably linked in Scripture. Repentance means turning from sin, and faith is turning to God. They are like opposite sides of the same coin. In this verse John demands to see the “fruits” of repentance ... a turning away from sin and drawing near to God in faith.</p> <p>All true repentance is produced by God’s sovereign grace, and without such grace human effort to change is futile. When God by grace grants saving faith, it includes the granting of repentance from sin. Neither is a human work.</p>
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The Augsburg Confession, Article 12 ...	<p>Of Repentance they teach that for those who have fallen after Baptism there is remission of sins whenever they are converted and that the Church ought to impart absolution to those thus returning to repentance. Now, repentance consists properly of these two parts: One is contrition, that is, terrors smiting the conscience through the knowledge of sin; the other is faith, which is born of the Gospel, or of absolution, and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven, comforts the conscience, and delivers it from terrors. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruits of repentance.</p>
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	<p>Matt. 4:17 <i>From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."</i></p> <p>Luke 24:45-47 <i>And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."</i></p> <p>Matt. 26:28 <i>For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.</i></p>
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Summary ...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anger is like a disease that will eventually destroy our souls; self-control is a fruit of the Spirit that helps us to overcome anger and tempers. • Righteous anger is justified and God-pleasing. • Revenge is often our natural reaction to being wronged, but God calls us to leave vengeance in His hands. • God hates pride; humility is the antithesis of pride and is to be the hallmark of our lives in Christ. • Repentance, like faith, is the lifeblood of our Christian life. The repentant Christian is in daily contrition over their sinful life and continually relying on God for the remission of sins. 	<p>Prov. 16:32 <i>He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.</i></p> <p>Romans 12:19b <i>... "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.</i></p> <p>Prov. 21:4 <i>A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.</i></p> <p>Matt. 3:8 <i>Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance</i></p>
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	QUESTIONS?	
		Favorite Proverb?
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If time permits ...	Prov. 14:4 <i>Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.</i>
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<h2>Tool to Interpret</h2>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the central concepts or persons being compared or contrasted? 2. Identify figures of speech and rephrase without the figure (ex. “put a knife to your throat” from Prov. 23:1-3) 3. Summarize the lesson or principle of the proverb in a few words. 4. Describe the behavior that is being taught or encouraged. 5. Can you identify examples elsewhere in Scripture that illustrates the truth of that proverb? 6. How can you apply this lesson or principle to your own life? <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>
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<h2>Class Assignment</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set a goal to read through the Book of Proverbs at least once throughout this class semester. • Bring your questions for proverbs you have trouble understanding, or a favorite proverb that you would like to share with the class. 	
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Possible Future Topics			
Teaching sons and daughters	Choice of Companions	Trusting God	Righteousness vs. Wickedness
Integrity	Guard Your Mind	Discipline	Shine the Light of Christ
Sexual Purity	Deceitful Tongue	Diligent Worker	Leave a Legacy
Money Management	Love Your Neighbor	God's Protection	Virtuous Woman
Avoid the World's Distractions	Truth	Types of Fools	Seeking Counsel
God Hides Himself	Sin of Pride	Discernment	Anger / Temper
Honor Your Parents	Revenge	Conscience	Repentance

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