

# **Bible Study Guide: Proverbs 19 – Integrity, Wisdom, and Trusting God**

## **Overview**

**Author:** Solomon

**Theme:** Integrity over wealth, wise decision-making, discipline, and trusting God’s plans

### **Big Idea:**

*A life of wisdom is marked by integrity, teachability, compassion, and a deep trust in God’s direction.*

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## **Section 1: Integrity Over Wealth (Proverbs 19:1–3)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Better the poor whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.” (v.1)

### **Main Point**

Character matters more than financial success.

### **Explanation**

Solomon teaches that integrity is more valuable than riches gained through dishonesty. A person may have little materially but still be rich in righteousness.

## **Application**

- Choose honesty over personal gain
- Value character over appearance
- Trust God for provision rather than compromising

## **Discussion Questions**

- What areas tempt you to compromise integrity?
  - How can you prioritize character in daily decisions?
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## **Section 2: The Danger of Foolish Choices (Proverbs 19:2–7)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Desire without knowledge is not good—how much more will hasty feet miss the way!” (v.2)

### **Main Point**

Impulsive decisions lead to negative consequences.

### **Explanation**

Acting without wisdom or patience often results in mistakes. People sometimes blame God for outcomes that come from their own poor choices.

### **Application**

- Slow down decision-making
- Seek wisdom before acting
- Take responsibility for your actions

## **Discussion Questions**

- Have you ever rushed into a decision you later regretted?
  - What steps can you take to make wiser decisions?
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## **Section 3: The Value of Wisdom and Teachability (Proverbs 19:8, 20, 25)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.” (v.20)

### **Main Point**

Wisdom grows in those who are teachable.

### **Explanation**

A wise person seeks instruction and correction. Pride resists growth, but humility opens the door to maturity and understanding.

### **Application**

- Be open to correction
- Seek mentorship and accountability
- Learn from past mistakes

## **Discussion Questions**

- How do you typically respond to correction?
  - Who speaks truth into your life?
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## **Section 4: Compassion and Generosity (Proverbs 19:17)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord...” (v.17)

### **Main Point**

God honors and rewards compassion.

### **Explanation**

Helping those in need is not just a good deed—it’s an act of worship. God sees generosity and promises to respond.

### **Application**

- Look for opportunities to help others
- Be generous with time, resources, and care
- Reflect God’s heart for the needy

## **Discussion Questions**

- How can you show compassion this week?
  - What holds people back from generosity?
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## **Section 5: Discipline and Responsibility (Proverbs 19:18–19)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Discipline your children, for in that there is hope...”  
(v.18)

### **Main Point**

Discipline leads to growth and future success.

### **Explanation**

Correction, though uncomfortable, is necessary for development. This applies not just to parenting, but to personal discipline as well.

### **Application**

- Embrace discipline in your own life
- Set boundaries that promote growth
- Understand that correction is an act of love

## **Discussion Questions**

- What role does discipline play in your life right now?
  - Where do you need more structure or accountability?
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## **Section 6: Trusting God's Plan (Proverbs 19:21, 23)**

### **Scripture (Key Verse)**

“Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.” (v.21)

### **Main Point**

God's plan is greater than our own.

### **Explanation**

We make plans, but God directs outcomes. Trusting Him brings peace, even when life doesn't go as expected.

### **Application**

- Submit your plans to God
- Trust His timing and direction
- Find peace in His sovereignty

### **Discussion Questions**

- Have you experienced a time when God redirected your plans?

- How can you trust God more fully in your current season?
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## **Key Takeaways from Proverbs 19**

- Integrity is more valuable than wealth
  - Wise decisions require patience and understanding
  - Teachability leads to growth
  - Compassion reflects God's heart
  - Discipline is necessary for development
  - God's purpose ultimately prevails
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## **Life Application Challenge**

This week:

- Choose integrity in a challenging situation
  - Seek advice before making a major decision
  - Show intentional kindness to someone in need
  - Surrender one personal plan to God
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## **Closing Prayer**

“Lord, help me to live with integrity, seek wisdom, and trust Your plan for my life. Teach me to be humble, compassionate, and disciplined in all I do. Guide my

decisions and shape my heart to reflect Your truth.  
Amen.”