

Bible Study Guide: Proverbs 10 – Wisdom in Everyday Life

Overview

Author: Solomon

Theme: Contrasts between the righteous and the wicked in daily living

Big Idea:

Your daily choices—especially your words, work ethic, and integrity—reveal whether you are walking in wisdom or foolishness.

Section 1: Righteousness vs. Wickedness (Proverbs 10:1–7)

Scripture (Key Verse)

“The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it.” (v.22)

Main Point

The righteous and the wicked experience very different outcomes.

Explanation

Solomon contrasts two types of lives:

- **The righteous** – bring joy, blessing, and lasting impact
- **The wicked** – bring grief, trouble, and eventual ruin

A wise life is not just about behavior—it’s about direction and legacy.

Application

- Choose righteousness in everyday decisions
- Consider the long-term impact of your actions
- Build a legacy that honors God

Discussion Questions

- What kind of legacy are you building?
- How do your daily choices reflect your values?

Section 2: The Power of Words (Proverbs 10:8–14, 18–21)

Scripture (Key Verse)

“The tongue of the righteous is choice silver...” (v.20)

Main Point

Your words reveal your wisdom and shape your life.

Explanation

Wise people speak carefully, while fools speak recklessly. Words can either bring life, guidance, and encouragement—or destruction and confusion.

Application

- Speak with intention and wisdom
- Avoid gossip, slander, and careless talk
- Use your words to build others up

Discussion Questions

- How have your words impacted others recently?
- What changes can you make in your speech?

Section 3: Diligence vs. Laziness (Proverbs 10:4–5, 26)

Scripture (Key Verse)

“Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.” (v.4)

Main Point

Hard work leads to provision; laziness leads to lack.

Explanation

Solomon emphasizes the importance of diligence. The lazy person delays and avoids responsibility, while the diligent person works consistently and wisely.

Application

- Develop strong work habits
- Be consistent in your responsibilities
- Avoid procrastination

Discussion Questions

- Are there areas where you struggle with laziness?
- What steps can you take to grow in discipline?

Section 4: Integrity and Security (Proverbs 10:9–11, 29–30)

Scripture (Key Verse)

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely...” (v.9)

Main Point

Integrity brings stability and confidence.

Explanation

Living honestly and uprightly leads to security. Those who live deceitfully may prosper temporarily but will eventually be exposed.

Application

- Be honest in all areas of life
- Choose integrity even when it's difficult
- Trust God with the outcome

Discussion Questions

- Where are you tempted to compromise integrity?
- How does integrity impact your confidence and peace?

Section 5: The Fear of the Lord and Life (Proverbs 10:24–28)

Scripture (Key Verse)

“The fear of the Lord adds length to life...” (v.27)

Main Point

Reverence for God leads to a life of blessing and stability.

Explanation

Those who fear the Lord live with purpose and direction. Their lives are marked by hope and joy, while the wicked live with fear and uncertainty.

Application

- Develop a deeper reverence for God
- Align your life with His truth
- Trust Him for your future

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to fear the Lord in your daily life?
 - How does reverence for God shape your decisions?
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Key Takeaways from Proverbs 10

- Righteous living leads to lasting blessing
 - Words have power—use them wisely
 - Diligence produces results; laziness leads to lack
 - Integrity brings security and peace
 - The fear of the Lord leads to life and hope
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Life Application Challenge

This week:

- Speak only words that build others up

- Practice diligence in one key area of your life
 - Choose integrity in a situation where it's tested
 - Spend time reflecting on your relationship with God
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Closing Prayer

“Lord, help me to walk in wisdom in every area of my life. Guide my words, strengthen my discipline, and keep my heart aligned with Your truth. Teach me to live with integrity and to honor You in all I do. Amen.”