

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 51
Proverbs 1 – 12, 2 Corinthians 11 – Galatians 2

Proverbs 1: Beginning of wisdom

Key Point:

Wisdom (the practical, lived-out principles of Godliness and common sense) is not far from anyone, but the beginning of wisdom is reverence for God.

Key Verse - Proverbs 1:7 (NLT)

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 2: Incline your heart

Key Point:

Immorality leads to death, but the wise man will stay from seducing people.

Key Verse - Proverbs 2:2 (NLT)

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.

Proverbs 3: Lean not

Key Point:

Trusting God and His ways, rather than our own understanding, is the wisest action, since God used His wisdom to create the universe and will use His wisdom to oppose the proud.

Key Verse - Proverbs 3:5 – 6 (NLT)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 4: Watch over your heart

Key Point:

We should listen to the instruction of our parents, because their counsel was intended to guard us from destruction and the company of the greedy and violent.

Key Verse - Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 5: Your own cistern

Key Point:

Immorality is death, so no matter how seductive, the wise man keeps his sexuality within his marriage.

Key Verse - Proverbs 5:15 (NLT)

Drink water from your own well - share your love only with your wife.

Proverbs 6: Go to the ant

Key Point:

Don't foolishly cover debts, get lazy, ignore the instruction of parents, or give into adultery, because adultery leads to disgrace and the jealousy of another person.

Key Verse - Proverbs 6:6 (NLT)

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise!

Proverbs 7: Wisdom, my sister

Key Point:

Over and over again, we are warned to stay far from immorality, because death comes to those who give in to it.

Key Verse - Proverbs 7:4 – 5 (NLT)

Love wisdom like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family. 5 Let them protect you from an affair with an immoral woman, from listening to the flattery of a promiscuous woman.

Proverbs 8: The Lord had wisdom

Key Point:

The fear of the Lord is wisdom, and God used wisdom to create and sustain this universe, so the person who sins against wisdom kills himself.

Key Verse - Proverbs 8:22 (NLT)

"The Lord formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else.

Proverbs 9: Don't correct a scoffer

Key Point:

Wisdom, starting with reverence for God, leads to sustenance and long-term growth; but fools think ill-gotten gain is a good thing, when it's really death.

Key Verse - Proverbs 9:7 (NLT)

Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt.

Proverbs 10: A wise son**Key Point:**

Wise men speak well, avoid lies, keep from laziness, and pursue diligence.

Key Verse - Proverbs 10:1 (NLT)

The proverbs of Solomon: A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother.

Proverbs 11: Where there is no vision**Key Point:**

God detests dishonesty and lies, but the righteous will find increase and honor.

Key Verse - Proverbs 11:14 (NLT)

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Proverbs 12: Stupid to hate reproof**Key Point:**

The righteous take care of what they say and how they say it; they are diligent, caring, and choosy about their friends.

Key Verse - Proverbs 12:1 (NLT)

To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.

2nd Corinthians 11: False brothers**Key Point:**

False teachers boast in themselves, but while a true apostle has the evidence of hardship to prove he is preaching with the right motive, his real boast is in the Lord.

Key Verse - 2nd Corinthians 11:14 (NLT)

But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2nd Corinthians 12: Sufficient grace

Key Point:

It's easy to criticize leadership, because humble leaders will have flaws; but if the leader has the evidence of the work of the Spirit, he should be commended.

Key Verse - 2nd Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2nd Corinthians 13: We are strong in Christ

Key Point:

We need to examine ourselves and take care that we are truly walking in the faith. God's word is sharp, but that is only for our good.

Key Verse - 2nd Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives by the power of God. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you we will be alive with him and will have God's power.

Galatians 1: If even an angel

Key Point:

Whatever anyone teaches, no matter if they are an angel, must conform to the original witness of the eyewitness of Jesus or else it is false.

Key Verse - Galatians 1:8 (NLT)

Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.

Galatians 2: Crucified with Jesus

Key Point:

We are saved by faith in the finished work of Jesus, not by keeping the law of Moses or any other work.

Key Verse - Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.