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#### WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY

"A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel."

- Proverbs 1:5

Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives.

Proverbs is about *how to* live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life.

In this study, we will look and listen to hear God's voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let's dig in!

## WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing the Times & Seasons-What's Your Plan?

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A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.

 $\textbf{Scripture} : \textbf{Proverbs 16:33}; \textbf{Proverbs 19:21}; \textbf{Proverbs 16:1}, \textbf{9}; \textbf{Proverbs 20:24}; \textbf{Proverbs 11:3}; \textbf{Proverbs 12:5}; \textbf{Proverbs 14:22}; \textbf{Proverbs 12:15}; \textbf{Proverbs 14:22}; \textbf{Proverbs 14:24}; \textbf{Proverbs 14:25}; \textbf{Proverbs 1$ 

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Music: Matt Maher - Lord, I Need You - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG5O5TSIaE4

Video: When a Bf-109 spared a stricken B-17 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpAJTURalIM

Resources - GOD'S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller

PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson

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1.	Proverbs 16:33, 19:21 → God is already guiding us, even before we have a plan. We
	are to depend on God and make a plan, but He is working working His plan – He has a plan for our lives and history (Eph. 1:11). God's purpose for you will prevail. There is no "plan B."
2.	– Proverbs 16:1, 9; 20:24 → Both are true – God is working his plan and we
	have freedom of choice. The plans of the heart belong to us—we are responsible. Yet all we do—every one of our steps—is part of His plan.
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	more as whom God guides. Through a long path and a lot of hard work (Proverbs 1-4), we develop integrity and this is the way God guides us. Wise
	character is what God uses to guide us, not "5 techniques."
4.	Proverbs 12:15; 16:25 → The path to disaster seems right to a fool. Fools are
	terrible at making plans because they reject the way of wisdom (trusting God, listening to good advisors, making careful plans, controlling their
	emotions and words, knowing their heart, etc.). And, sometimes the way to disaster appears to be right. You can make your plans and things can still go wrong.
5.	<ul> <li>Proverbs 21:5; 24:27 → Impulsive haste should be avoided and forward-looking,</li> </ul>
	careful planning should be part of making decisions.
6.	– Proverbs 16:3 → We are to unconditionally obey and trust God in every area of our lives. It is
	only if and as we do this that we will find we are slowly but surely becoming a person who makes wise, realistic plans.

# **ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!**

- 1. What aspects of your future do you need a plan?
- 2. What do you do when your plan seems to not be working?
- 3. Why do you think people prefer to look for signs and feelings rather than relying on wisdom to make decisions?



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#### SCRIPTURE

<u>Proverbs 16:33 -</u> <u>33</u> Make your motions and cast your votes, but God has the final say.

<u>Proverbs 19:21 - 21</u> We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God's purpose prevails.

<u>Proverbs 16:1, 9 - 1</u> Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word. <u>9</u> We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it. It Pays to Take Life Seriously

<u>Proverbs 20:24 - 24</u> The very steps we take come from God; otherwise how would we know where we're going?

<u>Proverbs 11:3 -</u> 3 The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin.

<u>Proverbs 12:5 - 5</u> The thinking of principled people makes for justice; the plots of degenerates corrupt.

<u>Proverbs 14:22 - 22</u> Isn't it obvious that conspirators lose out, while the thoughtful win love and trust?

<u>Proverbs 12:15 - 15</u> Fools are headstrong and do what they like; wise people take advice.

<u>Proverbs 16:25</u> - <u>25</u> There's a way that looks harmless enough; look again - it leads straight to hell.

<u>Proverbs 21:5 -</u> 5 Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

<u>Proverbs 24:27 - 27</u> First plant your fields; then build your barn.

<u>Proverbs 16:3 - 3</u> Put God in charge of your work, then what you've planned will take place.

### "Lord, I Need You" By Matt Maur

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
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