

	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”</i> – Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>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!</p>	
<p>Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com</p>	<p>WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing the Spheres – Money & Work A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p>October 17, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 13:8; Proverbs 16:16; Proverbs 8:19; Proverbs 28:6; Proverbs 10:15; Proverbs 18:11; Proverbs 22:9; Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 26:10; Proverbs 27:23-27; Proverbs 22:29; Proverbs 23:4,5 Music: Eagles - Take It To The Limit – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6fRv9w6nzM Video: Ryan Salame: Facing Prison for Donating to Trump, His Journey With SBF - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-n3vIWxlys Resources - GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING THE SPHERES – MONEY – Part II

1. _____ - Proverbs 13:8 → A wealthy family pays a huge price for the responsibility of money. The wealthy are subject to dangers “to which a poor man offers too small a target.” Riches bring cares, burdens, and responsibilities that others do not face.
2. _____ – Proverbs 16:16, 8:19, 28:6 → Money is not as important as *wisdom and insight*. Wealth without wisdom means the dangers and difficulties that wealth inevitably attracts will make us *less* secure and useful. Money is not as important as integrity of character (28:6). A good conscience before God and human beings (Acts 24:16) is crucial, yet, as we have seen, money puts great pressure on our integrity.
3. _____ – Proverbs 10:15, 18:11 → In ancient times, because walled and fortified cities were so safe, the wealthiest wanted to live in them and the poor could not afford to. Wealth can become your identity. We imagine all the ways it will save us! Wealth can exert its power over us—it will be a wall too high—from the things we fear or dread. What your heart most loves and adores, what it most rests in, is where you most effortlessly, joyfully, almost addictively spend your money.
4. _____ – Proverbs 22:9, 3:9-10 → Generosity that breaks the power of money over you may make you wiser in your financial dealings. We feel the most rich when we most love and are loved.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – WORK – Part II

1. _____ – Proverbs 26:10, 27:23-27 → Wealth can come about through hard work, integrity, and hard-nosed realism. 27:23-24 speaks of owners who are out of touch. We all know that to hire a fool will be disastrous.
2. _____ – Proverbs 22:29, 23:4,5 → Another factor that promotes economic prosperity is being *skilled in your work*. This is not necessarily calling for everyone to be what today we could call a “professional” or “white collar worker.” Rather, it is a call for excellence of workmanship. We are to do work excellently, looking to please god and not for the applause or reward of human beings. We are to “serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people” (Ephesians 6:7).

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. Who have you seen have the wisdom, humility, and love necessary to handle the responsibility of wealth? Who has NOT?
2. Where have you seen the generosity of God’s people to love and care for the needs of others?
3. What has been the journey of your own skillfulness in your career?



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SCRIPTURE – The Message

<p>Proverbs 13:8 - 8 The rich can be sued for everything they have, but the poor are free of such threats.</p> <p>Proverbs 16:16 - 16 Get wisdom - it's worth more than money; choose insight over income every time.</p> <p>Proverbs 8:19 - 19 My benefits are worth more than a big salary, even a very big salary; the returns on me exceed any imaginable bonus.</p> <p>Proverbs 28:6 - 6 It's better to be poor and direct than rich and crooked.</p> <p>Proverbs 10:15 - 15 The wealth of the rich is their bastion; the poverty of the indigent is their ruin.</p> <p>Proverbs 18:11 - 11 The rich think their wealth protects them; they imagine themselves safe behind it.</p> <p>Proverbs 22:9 - 9 Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor.</p>	<p>Proverbs 3:9-10 - 9 Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. 10 Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.</p> <p>Proverbs 26:10 - 10 Hire a fool or a drunk and you shoot yourself in the foot.</p> <p>Proverbs 27:23-27 - 23 Know your sheep by name; carefully attend to your flocks; 24 (Don't take them for granted; possessions don't last forever, you know.) 25 And then, when the crops are in and the harvest is stored in the barns, 26 You can knit sweaters from lambs' wool, and sell your goats for a profit; 27 There will be plenty of milk and meat to last your family through the winter.</p> <p>Proverbs 22:29 - 29 Observe people who are good at their work - skilled workers are always in demand and admired; they don't take a back seat to anyone.</p> <p>Proverbs 23:4,5 - 4 Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich; restrain yourself 5 Riches disappear in the blink of an eye; wealth sprouts wings and flies off into the wild blue yonder.</p>
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"Take It To The Limit" By The Eagles

<p>All alone at the end of the evening And the bright lights have faded to blue I was thinking 'bout a woman who might have loved me I never knew You know I've always been a dreamer Spent my life runnin' 'round And it's so hard to change Can't seem to settle down But the dreams I've seen lately keep on turning out And burning out and turning out the same So put me on a highway and show me a sign And take it to the limit one more time</p>	<p>You can spend all your time making money You can spend all your love making time If it all fell to pieces tomorrow Would you still be mine? And when you're looking for your freedom Nobody seems to care And you can't find the door Can't find it anywhere When there's nothing to believe in still you're coming back You're running back, you're coming back for more So put me on a highway and show me a sign And take it to the limit one more time</p>	<p>Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time Take it to the limit, take it to the limit Take it to the limit one more time</p>
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