

	<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></p> <p style="text-align: center;">– 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 – Power & Leadership A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p>Oct 24, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 8:15, 16; Proverbs 17:7; Proverbs 29:4; Proverbs 20:8,9; John 2:23-25; Proverbs 20:26; Proverbs 20:28; Proverbs 29:18; Proverbs 14:35; Proverbs 21:5; Proverbs 26:10; Proverbs 16:10-15; Proverbs 29:26</p> <p>Music: Tasha Cobbs Leonard - Break Every Chain – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucY6NwQTI3M</p> <p>Video: "Oh, I am just getting started!" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWrsMfqu-zU</p> <p>Resources - GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING THE SPHERES – POWER – Good Leadership!

- _____ - Proverbs 8:15-16 → “*By me kings reign*” – All leaders are effective only to the degree that they acknowledge at some point the givens of God’s wisdom—that they are NOT too wise in their own eyes, that they are relatively free from the power of money, that they know themselves, they recognize times and seasons, and how relationships work. “*Reigning by me*” – All leaders, whether they know it or not, exercise authority by the permission and power of God himself. For all who are in leadership and have positions of authority, may we pray they be given wisdom to live in peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (I Timothy 2:1,2).

KNOWING THE SPHERES – LEADERSHIP – 3 MARKS

- _____ – Proverbs 17:7, 29:4 → The most powerful leaders are those whom people trust so much that they *want* to follow them (I Peter 5:3). You cannot be a real leader without character that all can see, respect, and therefore trust.
- _____ – Proverbs 20:8, 9 → A good leader has the ability to assess the character of others. A leader who cannot read people’s hearts will not govern well (John 2:23-25).
- _____ – Proverbs 20:26 → Good leaders must not be afraid to “clean house” and make judgments, especially with regard to matters of right and wrong. Good leaders are able to see past appearances and make judgments. They are not afraid to take bold action. They must overcome fearfulness that leads to indecision and pride that leads to stubbornness.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – LEADERSHIP – RESUME

- _____ – Proverbs 20:28 → Good leaders must be characterized by a love for their people that is evident to them. They must see that in the end he would sacrifice himself for them, rather than sacrifice them to save himself.
- _____ – Proverbs 29:18 → “*Those who don’t have a goal and/or a plan for the future have nothing to guide them onward, so they go every which way.*” The best leaders are those who can paint a compelling picture of the future.
- _____ – Proverbs 14:35, 21:5, 26:10 → You must have good support people—finding team members who can actually do the job. Good leaders will find and give time to the most important things.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – LEADERSHIP – REALITY

- _____ – Proverbs 16:10-15 → Whatever authority you have been given, it is something God gave to you (Daniel 4:17), and God holds you fully responsible for what you do with it (Deut. 17:18-20). You must, as much as possible, represent him in your leadership. Don’t be afraid of your failures and weaknesses. Jesus chose Peter (John 15:15-25). It is not ability but humility and dependence that matter most.
- _____ – Proverbs 29:26 → We must never forget that leaders are limited human beings, often to appetites and pressures (Acts 24:25-27), irrationality (I Cor. 2:6-8), and instability (Psalm 146:3,4).

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

- What do you look for in a Leader?
- Where do you see a need for growth and improvement in your leadership?
- Have you seen that your failures and weaknesses have made you more, not less, qualified to lead?



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SCRIPTURE – The Message

Proverbs 8:15, 16 - 15 With my help, leaders rule, and lawmakers legislate fairly; **16** With my help, governors govern, along with all in legitimate authority.

Proverbs 17:7 - 7 We don't expect eloquence from fools, nor do we expect lies from our leaders.

Proverbs 29:4 - 4 A leader of good judgment gives stability; an exploiting leader leaves a trail of waste.

Proverbs 20:8,9 - 8 Leaders who know their business and care keep a sharp eye out for the shoddy and cheap, **9** For who among us can be trusted to be always diligent and honest?

John 2:23-25 - 23 During the time he was in Jerusalem, those days of the Passover Feast, many people noticed the signs he was displaying and, seeing they pointed straight to God, entrusted their lives to him. **24** But Jesus didn't entrust his life to them. He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were. **25** He didn't need any help in seeing right through them.

Proverbs 20:26 - 26 After careful scrutiny, a wise leader makes a clean sweep of rebels and dolts.

Proverbs 20:28 - 28 Love and truth form a good leader; sound leadership is founded on loving integrity.

Proverbs 29:18 - 18 If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 14:35 - 35 Diligent work gets a warm commendation; shiftless work earns an angry rebuke.

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

Proverbs 26:10 - 10 Hire a fool or a drunk and you shoot yourself in the foot.

Proverbs 16:10-15 - 10 A good leader motivates, doesn't mislead, doesn't exploit. **11** God cares about honesty in the workplace; your business is his business. **12** Good leaders abhor wrongdoing of all kinds; sound leadership has a moral foundation. **13** Good leaders cultivate honest speech; they love advisors who tell them the truth. **14** An intemperate leader wreaks havoc in lives; you're smart to stay clear of someone like that. **15** Good-tempered leaders invigorate lives; they're like spring rain and sunshine.

Proverbs 29:26 - 26 Everyone tries to get help from the leader, but only God will give us justice.

"Break Every Chain" By Tasha Cobbs Leonard

<p>There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain Break every chain, to break every chain, break every chain There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus</p>	<p>To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain Break every chain, break every chain, break every chain There's an army rising up There's an army rising up There's an army rising up To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain Break every chain, break every chain, break every chain</p>	<p>There's an army rising up There's an army rising up There's an army rising up To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling I hear the chains falling There is power in the name of Jesus To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain</p>
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