

	<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 31, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 11:10, 11; Proverbs 21:7; Proverbs 22:7,8; Proverbs 24:10-12; Proverbs 13:23; Proverbs 18:23; Proverbs 15:15-17; Proverbs 16:8, 19; Proverbs 19:1, 22; Proverbs 17:5; Proverbs 10:4; Proverbs 21:17; Proverbs 23:19-21</p> <p>Music: Let It Start With Me - No Other Name – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H_hmNqls7A</p> <p>Videos: Justice • This Is the Bible's Radical View - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A14THPoc4-4 Emotional Look Inside Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad-UNd4RRF8 Helping Tennessee Flooding Victims – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPX_vJkubiA</p> <p>Resources - <i>GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE</i> by Timothy Keller <i>PROVERBS FOR YOU</i> by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST – THOSE WHO DO GOOD!

1. _____ – Proverbs 11:10 → The Hebrew means those who are “just.” It means those who believe in God and who therefore disadvantage themselves to advantage those around them. Here we are told that this group of people, the righteous, prosper. That is, they grow in numbers, they thrive economically, they rise to the top of their respective fields. The city rejoices!
2. _____ – Proverbs 11:11 → If believers were simply living life as they should, it would create such public good that those around them would rejoice in their prosperity and success. Believers make a difference—in relationships, business, civic life, neighborhoods, community, peacemakers, and families.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST – DOING JUSTICE!

1. _____ – Proverbs 21:7 → The Hebrew means “rectifying justice” – putting things right for those being exploited. God constantly calls us to “do justice” to widows, orphans, immigrants, and the poor (Zechariah 7:9-10, Psalm 82:1-4). That entails defending them before the law (Deut. 10:18-19) and sharing our goods with them so they have enough (Isaiah 58:6-7). To neglect this group is called “sowing injustice.”
2. _____ – Proverbs 22:7, 8 → The Hebrew means “primary justice” – giving people fair, equal treatment regardless of their racial, social, or economic status. We are to see care for the poor as not merely optional, something I can do if I am having a good year. It is unjust not to share what I have with those who have less.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST – A TIME OF TROUBLE

1. _____ – Proverbs 24:10-12 → It always costs time and money to do justice. And yet there are times when doing justice really costs. “A time of trouble” literally means “the day of adversity.” In times of crisis, from recessions to government coups, the most vulnerable are most endangered, and to defend them puts you in the way of harm as well.
2. _____ → Times of trouble can reveal the deep selfishness in our hearts that we otherwise keep hidden. “The true test of a person’s strength or mettle is adversity; almost everyone can survive the good times.”

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST - POVERTY

1. _____ – Proverbs 13:23, 18:23 → Poverty can be caused by unjust social conditions. When we flatter ourselves that our assets are the result of our work, it leads us to believe any lack of such assets must be the result of laziness.
2. _____ – Proverbs 15:15-17, 16:8, 19, 19:1, 22 → Poverty can be caused by foolishness. However, poverty is not always shameful. There are many strong, even blameless moral character who find themselves in poverty.
3. _____ – Proverbs 17:5 → Poverty is sometimes the result of disaster!
4. _____ – Proverbs 10:4, 21:17, 23:19-21 → Poverty promotes hard work and frugality and rightly observes that, in general, these qualities usually lead to some degree of prosperity. Poverty can come from a lack of self-discipline, the inability to endure delayed gratification, and addiction. Our responsibility is to show the poor compassion, never contempt.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. How are you the kind of person that seeks to make your church, community and family a better place?
2. What is your best story of how Christians responded to need?
3. Where do you see a need in your community for “someone” to do something?



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SCRIPTURE – The Message

Proverbs 11:10, 11 - 10 When it goes well for good people, the whole town cheers; when it goes badly for bad people, the town celebrates. **11** When right-living people bless the city, it flourishes; evil talk turns it into a ghost town in no time.

Proverbs 21:7 - 7 The wicked get buried alive by their loot because they refuse to use it to help others.

Proverbs 22:7,8 - 7 The poor are always ruled over by the rich, so don't borrow and put yourself under their power. **8** Whoever sows sin reaps weeds, and bullying anger sputters into nothing.

Proverbs 24:10-12 - 10 If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place. **11** Rescue the perishing; don't hesitate to step in and help. **12** If you say, "Hey, that's none of my business," will that get you off the hook? Someone is watching you closely, you know - Someone not impressed with weak excuses.

Proverbs 13:23 - 23 Banks foreclose on the farms of the poor, or else the poor lose their shirts to crooked lawyers.

Proverbs 18:23 - 23 The poor speak in soft supplications; the rich bark out answers.

Proverbs 15:15-17 - 15 A miserable heart means a miserable life; a cheerful heart fills the day with song. **16** A simple life in the Fear-of-God is better than a rich life with a ton of headaches. **17** Better a bread crust shared in love than a slab of prime rib served in hate.

Proverbs 16:8, 19 - 8 Far better to be right and poor than to be wrong and rich. **19** It's better to live humbly among the poor than to live it up among the rich and famous.

Proverbs 19:1, 22 - 1 Better to be poor and honest than a rich person no one can trust. **22** It's only human to want to make a buck, but it's better to be poor than a liar.

Proverbs 17:5 - 5 Whoever mocks poor people, insults their Creator; gloating over misfortune is a punishable crime.

Proverbs 10:4 - 4 Sloth makes you poor; diligence brings wealth.

Proverbs 21:17 - 17 You're addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.

Proverbs 23:19-21 - 19 Oh listen, dear child - become wise; point your life in the right direction **20** Don't drink too much wine and get drunk; don't eat too much food and get fat. **21** Drunks and gluttons will end up on skid row, in a stupor and dressed in rags. Buy Wisdom, Education, Insight

"Let It Start With Me" By No Other Name

<p>Open up my eyes Fill my heart with your compassion Free my mind from all distractions Use my hand, to set the captive free Move my feet to follow after you Or change the world and let it start with me In the streets of every village Every city's soaring tower Empty people live in darkness Every minute every hour Hear the cry of desperation From a billion broken hearts With in need so great, how do we even start? Let it start with me Open up my eyes Fill my heart with your compassion Free my mind from all distractions Use my hand, to set the captive free</p>	<p>Move my feet to follow after you Or change the world and let it start with me You have given us the orders There's a place for everyone I don't wanna miss my mission In the plan that you've begun You've promised you'd go with me To the edges of it all And changed everything that keeps me from your call Let it start with me Open up my eyes Fill my heart with your compassion Free my mind from all distractions Use my hand, to set the captive free Move my feet to follow after you Or change the world and let it start with me</p>	<p>Take my life, all that I've called my own Everything I am is yours alone Let it start with me Open up my eyes, Fill my heart with your compassion Free my mind from all distractions Use my hand, to set the captive free Move my feet to follow after you Or change the world and let it start with me Let it start with me Open up my eyes, Fill my heart with your compassion Free my mind from all distractions Use my hand, to set the captive free Move my feet to follow after you Or change the world and let it start with me.</p>
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