

	<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 – Those Who Care for Others</p> <p>A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p>Nov 7, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-29; Proverbs 17:18; Proverbs 29:7; Proverbs 14:20;21; Proverbs 19:4; Proverbs 23:10;11; Proverbs Psalm 68:5; Job 29:12;13; Proverbs 14:34; Daniel 4:27; Jonah 3:1-10</p> <p>Music: PRAISE! CeCe Winans Roman Collins Sing "Goodness of God" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4SIVg9rPSM</p> <p>Videos: The Power of Words A girl Changed a BLIND man Day Amazing – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYcXTIGLUgE</p> <p>Too Quick To Judge (Touching Short-Film) – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzn_AKN670I</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 – CARE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR

1. _____ - Proverbs 3:27-29 → The phrase “to whom it is due” translates a single Hebrew word that means, simply, the “owners.” The needy, then, have some claim on your assets.
2. _____ – Proverbs 17:18 → We must help but not make things worse. Merely throwing money at a problem can soothe your conscience, even if it does more harm than good, like creating dependency.
3. _____ – Proverbs 29:7 → If you make an occasional contribution to charity but you don’t give your mind and heart to furthering justice for the poor, you are not one of the righteous.
4. _____ – Proverbs 14:20-21, 19:4 → Relationships with poor people don’t always benefit us. So we shun them! To turn our backs on the poor is not just being uncharitable. It is sin!

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST – FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

1. _____ – Proverbs 23:10-11 → God identifies as *Defender* of the poor and it shows that it is one of the main things he is concerned about in the world (Psalm 68:5).
2. _____ – Job 29:12-13 → Job’s friends believed that God were especially identified with the upper classes and they were blessed with power and wealth. How astounding to have a God who instead identified with the powerless and worked for their interests! When Job said that he “rescued ... the fatherless who had none to assist them” and “made the widow’s heart sing,” he was simply seeking to imitate God.

KNOWING THE SPHERES – THE JUST – PRACTICE JUSTICE

1. _____ – Proverbs 14:34 → God judges the moral character of a nation by it’s righteousness. The definition of righteousness is to disadvantage oneself to advantage the others—the whole community. The heart of a society is judged by its generous treatment of those in need.
2. _____ – Daniel 4:27, Jonah 3:1-10 → Daniel calls on a pagan king to act justly toward the poor and oppressed. If a nation treats its weakest members with deference and respect, with fairness and compassion, it is exhibiting righteousness. A nation is judged by God on how it practices justice.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. How are you caring for the poor?
2. How are you or could you be a “father to the fatherless?”
3. How are we doing as a nation in helping the poor?



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SCRIPTURE – The Message

Proverbs 3:27-29 - 27 Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. **28** Don't tell your neighbor, "Maybe some other time," or, "Try me tomorrow," when the money's right there in your pocket. **29** Don't figure ways of taking advantage of your neighbor when he's sitting there trusting and unsuspecting.

Proverbs 17:18 - 18 It's stupid to try to get something for nothing, or run up huge bills you can never pay.

Proverbs 29:7 - 7 The good-hearted understand what it's like to be poor; the hardhearted haven't the faintest idea.

Proverbs 14:20;21 - 20 An unlucky loser is shunned by all, but everyone loves a winner. **21** It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need, but compassion for the poor - what a blessing!

Proverbs 19:4 - 4 Wealth attracts friends as honey draws flies, but poor people are avoided like a plague.

Proverbs 23:10;11 - 10 Don't stealthily move back the boundary lines or cheat orphans out of their property, **11** For they have a powerful Advocate who will go to bat for them.

Psalms 68:5 - 5 Father of orphans, champion of widows, is God in his holy house.

Job 29:12;13 - 12 I was known for helping people in trouble and standing up for those who were down on their luck. **13** The dying blessed me, and the bereaved were cheered by my visits.

Proverbs 14:34 - 34 God-devotion makes a country strong; God-avoidance leaves people weak.

Daniel 4:27 - 27 "So, king, take my advice: Make a clean break with your sins and start living for others. Quit your wicked life and look after the needs of the down-and-out. Then you will continue to have a good life." The Loss and Regaining of a Mind and a Kingdom

Jonah 3:1-10 - 1 Next, God spoke to Jonah a second time: **2** "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." **3** This time Jonah started off straight for Nineveh, obeying God's orders to the letter. **4** Jonah entered the city, went one day's walk and preached, "In forty days Nineveh will be smashed." **5** The people of Nineveh listened, and trusted God. They proclaimed a citywide fast and dressed in burlap to show their repentance. Everyone did it - rich and poor, famous and obscure, leaders and followers. **6** When the message reached the king of Nineveh, he got up off his throne, threw down his royal robes, dressed in burlap, and sat down in the dirt. **7** Then he issued a public proclamation throughout Nineveh, authorized by him and his leaders: "Not one drop of water, not one bite of food for man, woman, or animal, including your herds and flocks! **8** Dress them all, both people and animals, in burlap, and send up a cry for help to God. Everyone must turn around, turn back from an evil life and the violent ways that stain their hands. **9** Who knows? Maybe God will turn around and change his mind about us, quit being angry with us and let us live!" **10** God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives. He did change his mind about them. What he said he would do to them he didn't do.

"Goodness Of God" By CeCe Winans

<p>I love You, Lord For Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hand From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God 'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend And I have lived in the goodness of God (Hey)</p>	<p>'Cause all my life You have been faithful (Oh yes you have) And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I surrender now I give You everything (Oh Lord) Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after (Oh yeah) It's running after me Your goodness is running after (Oh yeah) It's running after me With my life laid down I surrender now I give You everything (Everything)</p>	<p>Your goodness is running after It's running after me And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God I'm gonna sing All my life You have been faithful (All of my life You've been faithful) All my life You have been so so good (So good, with every breath) With every breath that I am able (Every breath I'm able) I will sing (I'm gonna sing) of the goodness of God Yes I am I will sing of the goodness of God I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God</p>
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