



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!

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WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing the Heart-Understanding Temptation!

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

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Scripture: Proverbs 7:13-27; Romans 12:1,2
Music: Man Of Sorrows - Hillsong Live - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7ZJ5D5q54g>
 Chris Stapleton - You Should Probably Leave - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooeh47PXJw4>
Video: Twins adorably fail fruit snack challenge – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hl0812k0yNw>
 Irish Twins take on the toddler challenge - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPSipDMrnlA>
Resources - *GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE* by Timothy Keller
PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson

UNDERSTANDING TEMPTATION - Proverbs 7:13-27.

1. _____ – **Proverbs 7:13-15** → There is a disconnect between the woman’s public profession of faith and the conduct of her private life, which is all too common (Romans 12:1, 2). **BE HONEST ABOUT PARTS OF YOUR LIFE THAT ARE DISCONNECTED FROM YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**
2. _____ – **Proverbs 7:15-18** → Temptation has 3 stages: 1) Rationalization = “After all I’ve sacrificed, I deserve this.” 2) Overpromise = “You are the one I’ve been looking for all my life.” 3) Appeal to the Senses = The aromas, the sights, the physical arousal. By then, applying the brakes and saying NO is nearly impossible.
3. _____ – **Proverbs 7:19-23** → Temptation is extremely powerful if you believe “no one will ever know!” But in reality there will always be a heavy cost. God knows!
4. _____ – **Proverbs 7:24-27** → How do we defend ourselves? 1) Watch your heart! Temptation always starts in the inward thoughts. 2) Stay away from places, situations, and persons that make it easy for our minds to go down the wrong trail. 3) See ahead—look down the road of tragedy and wrongfulness of how your sin will grieve God and hurt others. These 3 strategies will help you exercise self-control and defense against temptation.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What behavior or habit are you now engaged that is a disconnect between your faith and your private life? What secrets do you keep?
2. What lies have you believed would never be found out, that resulted in failure, shame, and discovery—being found out?
3. What helps you in your self-control?



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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 7:13-27 - 13 She threw her arms around him and kissed him, boldly took his arm and said,**14** "I've got all the makings for a feast - today I made my offerings, my vows are all paid,**15** So now I've come to find you, hoping to catch sight of your face - and here you are!**16** I've spread fresh, clean sheets on my bed, colorful imported linens.**17** My bed is aromatic with spices and exotic fragrances.**18** Come, let's make love all night, spend the night in ecstatic lovemaking!**19** My husband's not home; he's away on business, and he won't be back for a month."**20**21 Soon she has him eating out of her hand, bewitched by her honeyed speech.**22** Before you know it, he's trotting behind her, like a calf led to the butcher shop, Like a stag lured into ambush**23** and then shot with an arrow, Like a bird flying into a net not knowing that its flying life is over.**24** So, friends, listen to me, take these words of mine most seriously.**25** Don't fool around with a woman like that; don't even stroll through her neighborhood.**26** Countless victims come under her spell; she's the death of many a poor man.**27** She runs a halfway house to hell, fits you out with a shroud and a coffin.

Romans 12:1,2 - 1 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. **2** Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

"Man Of Sorrows" By Hillsong Live

<p>Man of sorrows Lamb of God By His own betrayed The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree</p>	<p>Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee Now my debt is paid It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh is free indeed Now my debt is paid It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin</p>	<p>Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh is free indeed Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb Hallelujah God be praised He's risen from the grave Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee Praise and honor unto Thee</p>
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"You Should Probably Leave" By Chris Stapelton

<p>I know it ain't all that late But you should probably leave I recognize that look in your eyes Yeah, you should probably leave 'Cause I know you and you know me And we both know where this is gonna lead You want me to say that I want you to stay So you should probably leave Yeah, you should probably leave There's still time for you to finish your wine Then you should probably leave And it's hard to resist, alright, just one kiss Then you should probably leave 'Cause I know you and you know me And we both know where this is gonna lead You want me to say that I want you to stay</p>	<p>So you should probably leave Yeah, you should probably leave Like a devil on my shoulder you keep whisperin' in my ear And it's gettin' kinda hard for me to do the right thing here I wanna do the right thing, baby Sun on your skin, 6AM And I been watchin' you sleep And honey, I'm so afraid you're gonna wake up and say That you should probably leave 'Cause I know you and you know me And we both know where this is gonna lead I want you to stay but you'll probably say That you should probably leave Yeah, you should probably leave Oh, you should probably leave</p>
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