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The purpose for this material: There are very few Bible Studies that encourage Christians of all ages to study God's Word. This study was written for young people to enable them to get into the Word. The purpose for this study was to stir them up to study and practice God's Word on a consistent basis. Although written for young men and women, the more mature Christians have found it as a valuable resource as well.

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LESSON 1
Proverbs 1

1. (Pr. 1:5) "A _____ man will _____, and will _____
_____ ; and a _____ of _____
shall attain unto _____ counsels."

2. Explain in your own words what this means to you: _____

3. (Pr. 1:7) What is the beginning of knowledge? _____

Who despises wisdom and instruction? _____

Circle which one you want to be with all of your heart: *WISE* - *A FOOL*

4. (Pr. 1:10) If you are tempted by sinners to sin, should you agree with them?
_____ YES/NO

5. (Pr. 1:23) What two things are promised to the person who repents (turns around) at God's reproof (warning)?
1. _____
2. _____

6. When will God laugh at a person's calamity (terrible times)? (Pr. 1:24-26)

7. Read verses 27-32. Who does God not regard when they call upon Him? _____

8. Complete verse 33: "But whoso _____ unto _____ shall dwell _____ and shall be _____ from _____ of _____."

LESSON 2
Proverbs 2

1. Can you find the words that appear in verses 1-5? (Circle the ones you find.)

Receive Lose Hide Ignore Incline Wisdom Forget Apply Play

Reject Hate Understanding Chase Criest after knowledge Laugh

Seekest Sleep Searchest Garbage Foolish Junk Hid treasures

2. What does verse 5 promise if you do these things? _____

3. Who gives wisdom? _____

4. Who does He give sound wisdom to? _____
and those who _____

5. What else does God do? (verse 8) _____

6. Then what happens? (verse 9) _____

7. What has to enter into your heart? (verse 10) _____
What should be pleasant to your soul? _____

8. What two things will preserve and keep you? (verse 11) _____

9. What kind of people will these things deliver you from? (verse 12) _____

10. What do evil people leave and where do they walk? (verse 13) _____

11. What do such people rejoice in? _____
Does this remind you of gangs and criminals? _____ YES/NO

12. Complete verses 21, 22: "For the _____ shall _____ in the _____, and the _____ shall _____ in it. But the _____ shall be _____ from the _____, and the _____ shall be _____ of it."

LESSON 3
Proverbs 3:1-10

1. Where are we to keep God's commandments? _____
2. Look up the word "keep" in your Concordance. (It is #5341) What does it mean from the Hebrew language? _____

3. Are you truly keeping God's commandments in your own heart? _____
4. What three things will result from keeping God's commandments?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
5. What two things are we to never lose? _____ and _____
6. Why? (Verse 4) _____

7. Write verses 5 & 6 here: _____

8. Are we to see ourselves as wise? _____ What two things are we commanded to do and what is the result (vs. 7, 8)? a. _____
_____ b. _____ c. _____
9. Circle the answers that best define the meaning in verses 9 & 10:
Live for self Forget the Lord Selfish Honor the Lord by giving
Put God last Put God first Abundance Blessings

LESSON 4
Proverbs 3:11-20

1. What does verse 11 tell us we are not to do? _____

2. Who does the Lord correct? _____
3. What two things make a person happy? _____ & _____.
4. What is it worth more than? (vs. 14) _____
5. Verse 15 says that wisdom and understanding is more precious than this gemstone: _____ And, even all that you could _____.
6. Circle the words or phrases that describe wisdom and understanding:
Long life Riches Honor Pleasant ways peace life happiness
7. Complete verses 19, 20: "The _____ by _____ hath _____ the _____; by _____ hath he _____ the _____.
By his _____ the _____ are _____ up, and the _____ drop down the _____."

LESSON 5
Proverbs 3:21-26

1. What two things are we to keep? (vs. 21) _____

2. Circle the correct words, phrases or meanings of verses 22-24:
Life to your soul direction pride jealousy kept from trouble anger
freedom from fear nightmares sleep well nervous failure lazy
3. Fill in the blanks: (verses 25, 26) “Be not _____ of sudden _____,
neither of the _____ of the _____, when
it _____. For the _____ shall be thy _____,
and shall _____ thy _____ from being _____.”
4. What happened recently to thousands of people in the United States of
America? _____
Who should we trust in when something like this happens? _____

LESSON 6
Proverbs 3:27-35

1. Explain what verse 27 means to you: (See also James 4:17) _____

2. (Verse 28) Is it right to put off someone who asks for something he or she needs when you have the ability to help them? _____ YES/NO
3. How are we to treat our neighbors? (Circle the words or phrases that apply)
Be kind Be generous Be stingy Not care Ignore them Help them
4. Explain verse 30: _____

5. Are we to envy or be jealous of people who have power over us, and learn their wicked ways? _____ YES/NO
6. Verse 32 talks about perverted people, or people who are rebellious to the Lord. They are an abomination to Him. What does the word abomination mean? _____

What do the righteous have? (Circle the words that you think apply.)
Insight Wisdom Intimacy with God Understanding Hate Anger Loss
7. What is in the house of the wicked? _____
But, what do the just have? _____
8. What do the scorners get from God? _____ What do the lowly get from God? _____
9. What will the wise inherit? _____ What will fools get? _____

Does it pay to love and obey God? _____

LESSON 7
Proverbs 4:1-13

1. What are we to seek to know? (vs. 1) _____
2. What are we to keep in order to live? _____
(Read Jesus' commandments in John 15:9-17) What will we do if we love
Jesus? _____ What is the greatest
commandment? (See Matthew 23:37-40) _____

What is the second greatest commandment? _____

3. What two things are we to never forget? (Pr. 4:5) _____
_____ What are the results for not forsaking
these things? _____
4. What is the principal thing to get? _____ and what
else? _____ (vs. 7)
5. How does one get honor? _____
6. Why should we hold fast to instruction? (vs. 13) _____

LESSON 8
Proverbs 4:14-27

1. Whose path (way of living) are we to avoid? _____
2. Circle the words that tell what we are to do about the paths of evil people:
 argue with them confront them avoid them keep away
 use flattery follow at a distance turn from it pass away
3. Complete verse 18: "But the _____ of the just is as the _____
 light, that _____ more and _____ unto the _____
 day."
4. What is the way of the wicked like? _____
5. Circle what we are to keep in our hearts:
 Day dreams plans wisdom TV shows God's Word jokes anger
6. What two things will result? (vs. 22) _____ and _____.
7. Read verse 23 along with Luke 6:45; 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 139:23; Acts 15:8; Romans 8:27). According to these verses, what is the important thing that God is looking at:
 Your friends Your clothes Your family Your looks Your heart Your pets
8. What are you to think about according to verse 36? _____

LESSON 9
Proverbs 6:6-15

Note: Proverbs 5 is a chapter about immoral women, and warning men to keep away from them, or destruction will follow.

1. What can we learn from watching ants? (Circle the right answers)

Sleep all summer Play all summer Work hard while you can Be lazy

Foolishly spend all your earnings Save up for hard times Be wise

2. How does one come into poverty? (Circle the right answers)

Through hard work Being a sluggard (lazy) Sleeping all day

3. What four ways can you tell if a person is wicked and untrustworthy? (vs. 12, 13)

4. What is the result? (vs. 14, 15) _____

LESSON 10
Proverbs 6:16-19

1. What does abomination mean? (Look it up) _____

2. What seven things are abominations to God? _____

3. Match the correct answer:

____ A proud look

A. 1 Corinthians 1:10

____ A lying tongue

B. Exodus 20:16

____ Hands that shed innocent blood

C. Leviticus 19:16

____ Wicked imagination

D. Isaiah 13:11

____ Feet that run to mischief

E. 1 John 3:15

____ A false witness

F. Rev. 21:8

____ Sowing discord among brethren

G. Genesis 6:5

LESSON 11
Proverbs 6:20-23

Match the scriptures listed in the right column with the verses from Proverbs.

____ Proverbs 6:20

A Psalm 4:8

____ Proverbs 6:21

B Proverbs 12:1

____ Proverbs 6:22

C Psalm 37:31

____ Proverbs 6:23

D Colossians 3:20

LESSON 12
Proverbs 8TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ Proverbs 8 is about wisdom.
- _____ Gold and silver are worth more than instruction and knowledge.
- _____ The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride, arrogance and the evil way.
- _____ Those that seek wisdom won't find it.
- _____ Wisdom leads in the way of righteousness, and in the paths of judgment.
- _____ The earth was not always here.
- _____ Verses 23-31 talk about creation.
- _____ People who keep the ways of wisdom (God) are unhappy people.
- _____ Whoever finds God (and wisdom) finds life.
- _____ Whoever sins against God wrongs his own soul.
- _____ All that hate wisdom and God love death.

LESSON 13
Proverbs 9:6-12TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ We are to choose the way of understanding, and leave behind the foolish.
- _____ Scorners are wicked people who cannot be rebuked or reprovved.
- _____ A wise person will love you if you rebuke him or her.
- _____ If you are a wise person, instruction and teaching will make you even wiser and will increase your knowledge.
- _____ The beginning of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and understanding is the knowledge of the holy.

LESSON 14
Proverbs 10:1-6

1. How does a wise son affect his father? _____

What does a foolish son do to his mother? _____

2. What does righteousness deliver us from? _____

Who is our righteousness? (1 Corinthians 1:30) _____

3. Is God on the side of the wicked? (vs. 3) _____

4. What is the result of laziness? (vs. 4) _____

What is the result of diligence? _____

Define diligence: _____

5. What is shameful? (vs. 5) _____

6. What kind of a heart receives instruction? (vs. 8) _____

Does your heart love and receive instruction? _____ YES/NO

LESSON 15
Proverbs 10:7-14

1. What happens to the memory of the wicked? _____

2. If you died and went to heaven today, how would people remember you?
Circle the answers that you honestly believe describe you. (Ask the Lord.)

Love the world Love Jesus above all else Want both God and the world

Kind to others Giving Hard-working Selfish Servant of God Lazy

Obedient Faithful to pray Loves the Bible Wants to learn about God

Cares about lost souls Loving Honest High opinion of self Selfish

3. What kind of a person receives God’s commandments? _____

4. What must one do in order to have a secure life? (vs. 9) _____

5. What comes out of the mouth of the righteous? _____

6. What causes strife? _____ Do you ever cause strife? _____

7. Explain what “love covereth all sins” means. (vs. 12b) (Think of your relationships with family and friends, when they offend or insult you.)

8. What is found in the lips of him that has understanding? (vs. 13)

_____ Who deserves a spanking? _____

9. What do wise men do? (vs. 14)

_____ Is wisdom important to you? _____

Explain your answer: _____

LESSON 16
Proverbs 10:15-21

1. What do rich men depend upon in this world for protection? _____
 What happens to the poor? _____ Should we help the poor? _____
2. According to verse 16, what does the labor (work) of the righteous tend to?
 _____ What is the fruit of the wicked? _____
 What is the result of sin? (Ro. 6:23) _____
3. What is the result of keeping (obeying) instruction? _____ Do you honestly
 appreciate and receive instruction? _____ YES/NO (It is a sign of
 maturity and uprightness to gladly receive instruction. For example, when your
 parents or a teacher corrects your behavior or tries to reason with you, and
 you argue, whine, or have a fit, this is not wisdom and maturity is it?)
4. In verse 18, we see that people can be hateful, but lie about it. How do you
 discern or know when someone is hateful in their heart, but hides it by lying?
 (Circle how you know.)
 Attitudes & Actions Use flattery By their fruit Their eyes Bad language
5. What is slander? _____
 Slanderer is another name for Satan. What does verse 18 call a slanderer?

6. Who is wise according to verse 19? (Circle the correct answer.)
 Blabbing all you know Whispering secrets to others Keeping mouth shut
7. Why does verse 20 say that the tongue of the just is as choice silver? (Circle
 what you think.)
 Speaks encouragement Tells jokes Talks all the time Speaks wisely
 Gossips Lies Speaks wisdom Complains Shares Jesus Curses
8. What is of little worth? _____
9. What do fools die of? _____ How can the "lips

of the righteous feed many?" (Hint: Feed your spirit, not your stomach!) _____

LESSON 17
Proverbs 10:22-32

TRUE OR FALSE

____ When the Lord blesses us with His riches, He does not make us sorrowful.

____ A man of understanding has wisdom.

____ What the wicked fear shall come upon them.

____ God never grants the desire of the righteous.

____ The righteous are unmoveable.

____ What the wicked expect will perish.

____ Gladness is the hope of the righteous.

____ The upright gain strength by following the way of the Lord.

____ Those who work iniquity will be destroyed.

____ The wicked are going to inherit and inhabit the earth.

____ The words of the just bring forth wisdom to those who listen.

____ What comes out of the mouth of the wicked is perverted.

LESSON 18
Proverbs 11:1-4

TRUE OR FALSE:

- _____ A false balance or weight means adjusting scales so people pay for more than they get. Like, at the grocery store when weighing out produce.
- _____ God delights in honesty.
- _____ Integrity shall guide the upright.
- _____ Perversion of law breakers will destroy them.
- _____ Righteousness delivers from death (separation from God).
- _____ Lots of money cannot save your soul.

LESSON 19
Proverbs 11:5-11

1. What causes the wicked to fall? _____
2. What happens to the expectation and hope of the wicked and unjust when they die? _____
4. What does unjust mean? _____
5. Who is delivered out of trouble? _____
6. What do hypocrites do? _____
7. What does hypocrite mean? _____
8. What are the wicked able to do with their mouth (words)? (vs. 11) _____
9. Circle the words that describe the means the wicked use today in which to "speak":
False prophets Liars TV Hollywood News Media Stuff on Internet

LESSON 20
Proverbs 11:12-14

1. What type of person despises others? (vs. 12) _____
2. What does it mean to “hold your peace?” _____
3. Circle the words or phrases that describe a talebearer:
 Wise Foolish Trustworthy Gossiper A good friend Troublemaker
 Sinful Unkind Selfish Innocent Hard-working Time-waster Mean
4. A person who has a faithful spirit is what kind of a person? (Circle answers)
 Humble Fears God Has Integrity Wise Loving Selfish Peace-maker
5. (Verse 14) What helps keep people from falling? _____
6. What provides safety? _____
7. If you have an important decision to make, will you seek out wise counsel? ____
 Can good counsel come from friends your age? _____ Is it wise to get
 advice from non-Christians, or unbelievers? _____ Can the experience
 of others help you make wise decisions and choices? _____ Does the
 Bible help you make the right decisions for your life? _____

LESSON 21
Proverbs 11:15-20

1. What does a gracious woman retain? _____
2. What is the benefit of being merciful? _____

3. What causes trouble to your own flesh? _____
4. Righteousness results in _____: pursuing evil results in _____.
5. Who delights the Lord? _____

LESSON 22
Proverbs 11:21-23

1. What does verse 21 mean to you? _____

2. What is a pig (swine) considered? (Clean or unclean?) Gold represents deity. Gold can also represent purity. Therefore a gold ring in a pig's snout is out of place. A fair woman means a beautiful woman to look at, but if she lacks discretion, she is as out of place as a pig with a gold ring. What does discretion mean? (Look up in a dictionary, or Strong's.)

3. A person with discretion will be: (Circle the best answers)

Wise Stupid Loud Self-controlled Rude Polite Discerning Mean

4. What do the righteous desire? _____

LESSON 23
Proverbs 11:24-31

Choose one verse (between verses 24 and 31) to **study** and share what you learn with the fellowship. (Each of you pick a different verse please.)

Notes: (You can read what you learn if you like.) _____

LESSON 24
Proverbs 12:1-4

1. "Whoso loves instruction loves what? _____
2. What is reproof? _____
3. Do you hate reproof? _____ Y/N What does that say about you? _____

4. Who obtains the Lord's favor? _____ "Good" in this context means morally upright, kind, generous, gracious, etc.
5. Complete verse 3: "A man shall _____ be _____ by _____: but the _____ of the _____ shall _____ be _____."
6. What does virtue mean? _____
Is discretion virtuous? (See discretion in Webster's Dictionary) _____

LESSON 25
Proverbs 12:5-10

1. The thoughts of the righteous are _____. The counsels of the wicked are _____. (Look up deceit in the dictionary.)
2. What is the end of the wicked? _____
Who shall stand? _____
3. What shall a person be commended according to? _____
How do people feel about those with a perverted heart? _____
4. What does a righteous person regard? _____

LESSON 26
Proverbs 12:11-15

TRUE OR FALSE

_____ People who work hard will have food to eat.

_____ People who follow vain (worthless) people lack wisdom and understanding.

_____ Bad fruit will come out of the life of the righteous.

_____ Fools think their way is right.

_____ People who listen to good advice are stupid.

1. List the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) _____

LESSON 27
Proverbs 12:16-28

1. What does a person who speaks truth show? _____
2. What is the tongue (or words) of the wise to others? _____
3. Who has joy? _____
4. Lying lips are what to the Lord? _____
5. Who delights the Lord? _____
6. What makes a heavy heart glad? _____
7. What is the result of righteousness? _____

LESSON 28
Proverbs 13:1-10

Match the Word that best fits in each verse:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Verse 1: _____ | A. Unselfishness |
| Verse 2: _____ | B. Darkness |
| Verse 3: _____ | C. Sin's fruit |
| Verse 4: _____ | D. Riches |
| Verse 5: _____ | E. Pride & contention |
| Verse 6: _____ | F. Hearing of the wise |
| Verse 7: _____ | G. Hates lying |
| Verse 8: _____ | H. Diligent |
| Verse 9: _____ | I. Upright |
| Verse 10: _____ | J. Tongue restrained |

Choose a verse from 1-11 and explain what it means to the group.

LESSON 29
Proverbs 13:11-18

- How should one gather money? (vs. 11) (Circle the correct answer)
 Gambling Stealing Borrowing Working hard Spending foolishly
- How does a person feel when what they hoped for doesn't happen? _____
 _____What is a person's desire that is fulfilled compared to?

- What happens to people who hate the Word of God? _____
 What happens to people who love it? _____
- What do the wise who obey God obtain? _____
- What kind of a life to people have who rebel against God? _____

LESSON 30
Proverbs 13:19-25

1. What kind of friends should you choose to hang out with? (vs. 19) _____
2. What will happen to you if you pick fools for friends? (vs. 19) _____
3. What follows sinners? _____ Who will be repaid for their good deeds? _____
4. Does lack of good judgment cause destruction and waste? (vs. 23) _____
5. If a father fails to spank or discipline his children, how does he feel about them? _____ Punishing unacceptable behavior means that parents _____ their children.

LESSON 31
Proverbs 14:1-5

1. Circle the words that you think describe how a wise woman “builds her house.”
Complains Works hard Encourages Lazy Thankful Loves God
2. What are some ways a woman can be foolish? _____

3. Who fears the Lord? _____
4. How can you tell if a person is foolish and full of pride? _____
5. Who tells lies? _____

LESSON 32
Proverbs 14:6-12

1. Who seeks wisdom, but never finds it? _____
2. What does scorner mean? (Look in a dictionary, or concordance.) _____

3. What do you have to have to make knowledge easy? _____
4. What kind of a person should you avoid? _____
5. What is the folly of fools? _____
6. What do fools mock? _____ What is the result of sin? (Ro. 6:23) _____
7. What do the righteous have according to verse 9b? _____
8. What will happen to the house of the wicked? _____
9. Fill in the blanks: (Verse 12) "There is a _____ which seems _____
to a man, but the _____ thereof are the _____ of _____."

LESSON 33
Proverbs 14:13-21

1. Do you think that verse 13 is about people who do not know the Lord? _____

2. Circle some of the ways *unsaved* people try to find happiness:

Parties Food Self denial Traveling TV Music Giving Money

3. What is a backslider? _____

And, does a backslider follow the ways of the Lord? _____ A good or

righteous man is not filled with what? _____

4. In verse 15 we see that gullible people believe everything they hear or read.
Circle some of the things being taught today that are not proven, or true:

Evolution People are basically good Hell doesn't exist Psychology

5. Explain what the difference is between the wise and the foolish. (Verse 16)

6. What is the result of a hot temper? (Verse 17) _____

How do people feel about the ways of the wicked? _____

7. What is the reward of the prudent? _____

8. In the end, who will reign over the wicked? _____

9. Why do the rich have many "friends?" _____

_____ Is this true friendship? _____

10. What does God call it when people despise (hate) their neighbor? _____

Who is happy? _____

LESSON 34
Proverbs 14:22-35

MIX & MATCH

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|---|--|
| _____ Righteousness exalts this. | A. Envy |
| _____ Wisdom is found here. | B. Oppressing the poor |
| _____ A wise servant gains this. | C. Folly |
| _____ Mercy and truth shall be given to: | D. A sound heart |
| _____ This indicates great understanding. | E. Mercy on the poor |
| _____ The fear of the Lord is this. | F. A nation |
| _____ Souls are saved by this. | G. Heart of understanding |
| _____ A fool's foolishness is this. | H. The righteous |
| _____ This is rottenness to the bones. | I. Those who do good |
| _____ This causes good health. | J. Slow to wrath |
| _____ This honors God, our Maker | K. A true witness |
| _____ This reproaches God. | L. Strong confidence, and
a fountain of life. |
| _____ These people have hope in death. | M. Favour |

LESSON 35
Proverbs 15:1-5

1. Explain what verse 1 means. _____

2. What is the difference between what a wise person talks about and what a fool talks about. _____

3. Is the Lord always watching what you are doing? _____ Can you hide from God? _____ Can you ever fool or deceive Him? _____
4. What does perversion cause? _____
5. If you despise your father's instruction, what are you? _____
6. Is it wise to regard (consider and appreciate) reproof, or instruction? _____

LESSON 36
Proverbs 15:6-11

1. If the best the wicked have is trouble, what are some of the treasures of the righteous? (Circle the best answers.) (Vs. 6)

Strife Joy Love Anger Peace God's presence The Bible Despair

2. What do the wise give through their words? _____

3. Even wicked people make sacrifices. But, what does God think of them? See vs. 8. _____ What is God's delight? _____

4. How does God view the "way of the wicked?" _____

Who does God love? _____

5. What is grievous to a person who has forsaken the right way? _____

If a person hates reproof (correction) what will happen to him? _____

6. Look up 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. How much Scripture is given by inspiration (that means "God breathed") of God? _____ List the four things that it is profitable for: _____

Complete verse 17: "That the _____ (means both men and women, boys and girls) of _____ may be _____ (means mature), thoroughly (means completely) furnished unto _____ good _____."

7. Proverbs 15:11 – Write what this verse means to you: _____

LESSON 37
Proverbs 15:12-18

1. What kind of a person is a scorner? (Circle the answers that apply)

Wise Foolish Happy Productive Mocking Irreverent Hates the wise

2. According to verse 13, does a person's face reflect what is in their heart? ____

What breaks a person's spirit? _____

Have you experienced sorrow of heart? _____ Is your spirit broken or has

Jesus healed it? _____

Do you want to see Rayola for a time of help and prayer? _____

3. A person with understanding seeks what? (vs. 14) _____

4. What is better than great treasure and trouble? _____

5. According to verse 17, is it better to have little to eat and have love, than to have a good supply of food, but hatred instead of love? _____

6. What do angry people cause? _____ What do those who are slow to anger do? _____

LESSON 38
Proverbs 15:19-24

1. What is slothful? _____ Is a slothful person's life easy? _____
2. What makes a father glad? _____ Who despises his mother?
(Choose one) A wise child A happy child A foolish child A loving child
3. Foolishness is joy to the person who lacks what? _____
How does a person of understanding live? _____
4. Why is it important to have wise counsel before making a major decision? _____

5. Can the right words bring joy? _____
6. What do the wise avoid by belonging to Christ and living uprightly? _____

LESSON 39
Proverbs 15:24-33

1. Will the Lord bless the proud? _____ Does He care for those who are helpless? _____ (Widow can also mean single women who are poor.)
2. Fill in the blanks: (vs. 26) "The _____ of the _____ are an _____ to the _____:but the words of the _____ are _____ words."
3. What is the result of greed? (vs. 27) _____
What does "hating gifts" mean? (Circle the correct answers)
Hates birthday gifts Hates Christmas gifts Hates bribery Hates dishonesty
4. What does the HEART of the righteous do? _____
What comes out of the mouth of the wicked? _____
5. Who is the Lord far from? _____ Whose prayer does He hear? _____

Mix & Match:

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ Verse 30 | A. Despisers |
| _____ Verse 31 | B. Good tidings and health |
| _____ Verse 32 | C. Fear of God, wisdom and humility |
| _____ Verse 33 | D. Hearing ear |

LESSON 40
Proverbs 16:1-7

1. Along with verse 1, read Exodus 4:12; Isaiah 50:4 and 51:16; Jeremiah 5:14; Matthew 10:19; Luke 21:15; 1 Corinthians 2:13. What did you learn from reading these verses?

2. Would you say that verse 2 is about self-righteousness? _____

Who weighs (or discerns) our thoughts? _____

3. How are our thoughts established? _____

Is it important to have your thoughts established? _____ Explain why:

4. Who has God made everything for? _____

5. Who is an abomination to the Lord? _____

6. What purges iniquity? _____

What causes men to depart from evil? _____

7. What does the Lord do for those whose ways please Him? _____

LESSON 41
Proverbs 16:8-17

1. Which is better, to be rich and unrighteous, or poor but having righteousness?

2. Who directs our steps when our hearts belong to God? _____

3. (Verse 12) What establishes a king (or ruler's) throne? _____

How does God view a leader's wickedness? _____

4. (Verse 16) What is much better than gold? _____

What is better than silver? _____

5. What should the upright depart from to keep his soul? _____

LESSON 42
Proverbs 16:18-22

1. Fill in the blanks (vs. 18): “_____ goeth before _____
and an _____ spirit _____ a _____.”
2. According to Proverbs 28:25a, what does a proud heart do? _____
_____. How does God view pride? (See Proverbs 6:16-19.)

3. What does “abomination” mean? _____
4. What kind of a heart does pride come out of? (See Mark 7:22) _____
5. What does 1 John 2:16 tell us about pride? (Circle the correct answers.)
Pride pleases God Pride is not of the Father Pride is of this world It’s ok
6. Read Jeremiah 49:16. What deceives the heart? _____ What
will the Lord do to such a person? _____
(See Isaiah 23:9 and Proverbs 29:23.)
7. What is the common denominator in these Scriptures: Romans 13:13;
Philippians 2:3; James 3:14, 16. _____
8. Do you think a person whose life produces such fruit as immorality, pride,
uncleanness, covetousness, wrath, strife, jealousy, hatred, and is self-
centered, unruly, disobedient, and rebellious is truly born again and on
his or her way to heaven according to the Bible?
YES/NO _____ Explain your answer: _____

9. What is better than gaining goods with the proud? (Pr. 16:19) _____

10. (Verse 20) Who shall find good? _____
_____ Who is happy? _____
What does fear of the Lord produce? (Pr. 28:14) _____

LESSON 43
Proverbs 16:21-15

TRUE OR FALSE

____ Those who have understanding have life, because understanding enables a person to make wise decisions, whereas foolishness is the fruit of a fool.

____ Those who are wise know how to speak wisely.

____ Ugly and cruel words are sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

____ A person can be very sure that his or her way of thinking and doing is right, but the end result is death, or separation from God.

LESSON 44
Proverbs 16:26-33

1. Why does every person need to work? (See also 2 Thess. 3:10) _____

2. What is the result of being a lazy (slothful) person? (Read Proverbs 24:30-34)

3. What do the ungodly do? (vs. 27) (Circle the correct answers)

Looks for good Searches for evil Praises others Slanders & Gossips

4. If you tell secrets, and break a confidence, what do you lose? _____

5. A person to avoid has what characteristics? (vs. 29, 30) _____

6. Who is better than the mighty? _____

Who is better than one who conquers a city? _____

Can you claim to be "better" this way? _____ If not, you need to come go to the Lord, confess this problem, and ask Him for cleanse you and help you.

LESSON 45
Proverbs 17:1-10

MIX & MATCH:

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|---|---|
| _____ This is better than riches and strife. | A. Covers transgression |
| _____ This person earns a position in a family. | B. Excellent speech |
| _____ This is tried by the LORD. | C. Fathers (godly ones!) |
| _____ The wicked and liars do this. | D. Reproof |
| _____ This person reproaches God. | E. Gossiper |
| _____ This person shall be punished. | F. Poverty and quietness |
| _____ This is the glory of children. | G. Listen to bad words
and lies |
| _____ This does not look well on a fool. | H. A wise servant |
| _____ This person seeks love by doing this. | I. He who is glad when
bad happens to others |
| _____ This person loses friends. | J. A mocker of the poor |
| _____ A wise man learns from this. | K. The hearts of all people |

LESSON 46
Proverbs 17:11-28
(How to be a winner!)

1. What describes the person who seeks only rebellion? (Circle the answer.)
 Sense of humor Intelligent Happy Wise Godly Evil Diligent
2. According to verse 12, does a fool in his folly have much chance? _____
3. Verse 13 is very important to remember all your life. Fill in the blanks: "Whoso rewardeth _____ for _____, _____ shall not _____ from his _____." Has anyone ever returned evil for good you done for them? _____ If so, what kind of person are they and what kind of a life do they have? _____
4. What is the beginning of strife compared to? _____

5. What is an abomination (detestable with hatred) to the Lord according to verse 15? _____

6. What does a true friend do? _____
7. Verse 20 is about perversion. Does any good come out of it? _____
8. How can you make your mother sorrowful and your father very sad? _____
 _____ Do you bring great joy to your parents most of the time? (Tough question, but be honest!) _____ If not, what do you plan to do about it? _____
 (Remember, no one gets up in the morning and thinks, "I plan to be a FOOL today and be a loser and make everyone unhappy." But, by ignoring what is right, making bad decisions, and being self-centered makes us foolish...)
9. What is a merry heart like? _____ What does a broken

spirit do? _____

10. What perverts good judgment? (Circle one): The Bible A dog Rain A gift

11. Who, according to verse 27, is of an excellent spirit? _____

Are you determined to have an excellent (upright, godly, pure) spirit? _____

12. When this is shut, even a fool is considered to be wise: (Circle right answer):

The door The window The closet His or her mouth A purse Faucet

LESSON 47
Proverbs 18:1-9

1. What is not delightful to a self-centered fool? (vs. 2) _____
2. What should our words be like? (vs. 4) _____
3. What is not good according to verse 5? _____

4. What causes contention and fights? (vs. 6) _____

5. What does verse 7 say about a fool's mouth? _____

6. What kind of damage does a talebearer (gossiper) cause? (vs. 8) _____

7. Does God commend slothfulness? (vs. 9) _____ Look up Eccl. 10:18
and fill in the blanks: "By much _____ the _____
decayeth; and through _____ of the _____
the _____ droppeth _____."
8. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. What do you think the "work of the Lord" is? (Circle what you believe is the true "work of the Lord.")

Sleeping Winning lost souls Having fun Obeying your parents Prayer

Cooking for others Cleaning the house Watching TV Weeding the yard

Washing the dishes Taking out the garbage Studying the Bible Kindness

Cleaning your room Putting burdens on others Being religious Complaining
9. In light of what you circled above, are you useful to God by being diligent, considerate of the burdens others carry (such as your parents), and making yourself useful, OR, do you waste most of your time by sitting around, wasting time (read verse 9 again) while others do all the work and wait on you?

(Note: If you are a sluggard in any way, ask for God's forgiveness, and the forgiveness of others, and begin to grow up by taking responsibility.)

LESSON 48
Proverbs 18:10-24

1. Is there power in the name of the LORD? _____ Where do the righteous go to find safety? _____
2. Name two things that identify the rich who know not God: _____

3. What goes before destruction? _____
What goes before honor? _____
4. Suppose someone tells you about a situation, and you draw a conclusion before hearing BOTH sides, what two things does verse 13 call that?

5. What will enable a person to endure infirmity? _____
But, can a person bear a wounded spirit? _____
6. What do the prudent and the wise seek? _____
7. Do you seek knowledge, or do you just sort of float through life day by day?

8. According to verse 17, do people think their own way is right? _____
9. When you offend someone close to you, describe how hard it is to win them back. (Verse 19)

10. Are words powerful in their ability to encourage or discourage? (Vs. 21) _____
11. What did God tell men was a "good thing?" _____
12. Verse 23: Can you think of people in need who must "beg" for help? _____
13. How does one gain friends? _____
Who sticks "closer than a brother?" (Circle your answer.)
Your teacher Your dentist Your friends Your relatives Jesus Your cat

LESSON 49
Proverbs 19:1-17

1. What is better than a perverted fool? (vs. 1) _____
2. Perversion comes from the word perverse. Perverse means turned away from what is right or good; corrupt; incorrect; improper; obstinate in opposing what is right, reasonable or accepted; wrong-headed. With that in mind, circle some forms of perversion listed below:

Working hard Rebellious Foul language Morally deviant or promiscuous
Homosexuality Twisting (misrepresenting) truth Pornography Paganism
3. What is not good for a person? (vs. 2) _____
4. What will cause a person's way to be perverted so that his or her heart frets against the LORD? (vs. 3)

5. If you become rich, what will happen? (vs. 4) _____
6. What will happen to false witnesses and liars? (vs. 5) _____
7. Is it right in God's eyes to be friendly with someone for what you can get? _____
8. Complete verse 8: "He that getteth _____ loveth his own _____ :
he that keepeth _____ shall find _____."
9. What happens to liars? (vs. 9) _____
10. According to verse 11, is it good for a person to control their anger, and to easily forgive others? _____ Can you control your temper? _____
11. What is the calamity of a father? (vs. 13) _____
12. What is from the LORD? (vs. 14) _____
13. Does God respect slothfulness and laziness? (vs. 15) _____
14. Who keeps their own soul? (vs. 16) _____
People who despise God's way shall what? _____
15. When you give to the poor, who are you really giving to? (vs. 17) _____
Since God will repay you, can you outgive God? _____

LESSON 50
Proverbs 19:18-29

TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ For a parent to chasten (discipline) a son “while there is hope” means to disciple him when he is still young.
- _____ God says to stop disciplining him, though, if he cries.
- _____ A man who has great wrath will go unpunished.
- _____ To be wise towards the end of your life, you must listen to advice and sound instruction.
- _____ What will stand, no matter how clever we are, is the counsel of the LORD.
- _____ Being a liar is worse than being poor.
- _____ Fearing the LORD doesn't help one's life.
- _____ To be satisfied a person needs to fear the LORD.
- _____ A slothful (lazy) person doesn't even want to move his hand to help his or her self.
- _____ A person with understanding will gain knowledge if he or she is reproved.
- _____ Being ungrateful and cruel to your parents is no cause for shame.
- _____ A person should cease from listening to foolish and harmful instruction.
- _____ Iniquity is in the mouth of the wicked. Scorners come into judgment.

LESSON 51
Proverbs 20:1-30

1. According to verse 1, drunkards are what? _____
2. Verse 3 tells us that fools _____ and those who cease from strife are _____.
3. What is counsel in the heart of man like? (vs. 5) _____
4. What do most men proclaim? (vs. 6) _____
What is hard to find? _____
5. Complete verse 9: "Who can _____, I have _____ my _____ clean, I am _____ from my _____?"
6. Verse 10, dishonesty and cheating is what to the LORD? _____
7. What is even a child known by? (vs. 11) _____

8. What has God made? (vs. 12) _____
9. What causes poverty? (vs. 13) _____
10. Verse 15 tells us this is a precious jewel: _____
11. What is the result of deceit? (vs. 17) _____
12. What establishes every purpose? (vs. 18) _____
13. People who are talebearers (gossips) do what with their lips? (vs. 19) _____
_____ Should you hang out with such people? _____
14. What happens to those who curse their father or mother? (vs. 20) _____

15. Those who clamor for their inheritance will end up not being this: _____
16. Instead of paying someone back for evil done to you, what should you do

according to verse 22? _____

17. According to verse 24, does the Lord direct our paths? _____

18. Verse 27: What is the candle of the Lord? _____

What does this light of God do? _____

What does that mean to you? _____

19. Rulers are preserved by what these two things: (vs. 28) _____

LESSON 52
Proverbs 21:1-18

1. According to verse Pr. 21:2, how do we all think about our ways? _____
 _____ However, who knows our hearts? _____
2. What two things are more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice? (Verse 3)

3. Verse 4: What three things are sin? _____
4. The result of the diligent is what? _____
 People who make hasty decisions end up how? _____
5. People who lie to get rich unknowingly seek what? (vs. 6) _____
6. Whose work is right? (vs. 8) _____
7. What's better than living in a big house with a contentious woman? _____

8. What does the soul of the wicked desire? (vs. 10) _____
 Do you want to live close to such a person? _____ YES/NO
9. Punishing a scorner does what for the simple? (vs. 11) _____
 And when the wise is instructed, he receives what? _____
10. Who does God overthrow? (vs. 12) _____
11. What happens to people who refuse to hear the cry of the poor? (vs. 13) ____

12. What is joy to the just? (vs. 15) _____
 What happens to those who practice iniquity? _____
13. Who remains in the "congregation of the dead?" (vs. 16) _____

Can this happen to you if you refuse to learn and apply it to your life? _____

Explain: _____

14. If you love pleasure more than being productive, how will you end up? _____

LESSON 53
Proverbs 21:19-31

1. According to Proverbs 21:19, what is better than living with a contentious (argumentive) and angry woman? _____
2. What do foolish people do with their money? (vs. 20) _____
3. Complete verse 21: "He that _____ after _____ and _____, findeth _____, _____, and _____." Is that what you want for your life? _____
4. How do you think verse 22 applies to your spiritual life? _____

5. How does a person keep from having a troubled soul? (vs. 23) _____

6. Proud people with much wrath are called this: (vs. 24) _____

7. Lazy people have great desires that end up destroying them because of why? (vs. 25) _____
8. And, slothful people, according to verse 26, do what all the day long? _____

9. What are some of the things a person can sit and lustfully covet (desire):
A better life A newer car Riches More fun time More money to spend
10. In contrast to such a person, what do the righteous do? (vs. 26b) _____

11. When the wicked bring a sacrifice to the Lord (which can be money, doing good works, helping others, giving one's time for the Lord's work) and they even give it with a wicked mind, what does the Lord call that? (vs. 27)

12. What happens to the person who is a false witness? _____
13. Is there any wisdom, understanding or counsel against the LORD? _____

LESSON 54
Proverbs 22

1. What is better than having great riches? _____
2. How is your reputation, good or bad? _____
3. What do wise people do when they foresee trouble coming? _____
4. What two things result in riches, honor, and life? _____
5. According to verse 5, why should we “keep our soul” (that means, upright before the Lord)?

6. Fill in the blanks (vs. 6): “_____ up a _____ in the _____ that he _____ go: and _____ he is _____, he will _____ from it.”
7. If your parents are not training you in the right way, and teaching you to love the Lord and live for him, then what are you to do? (Circle the right answer.)

Be rebellious Live any way you want Study the bible and train yourself
8. How do you become a servant to someone? (vs. 7) _____
9. Who shall be blessed, and why? (vs. 9) _____
10. How do you get rid of contention and strife? (vs. 10) _____
11. Whose words does the LORD overthrow? (vs. 11) _____
12. Does the LORD detest the man who falls for an evil woman? _____
13. What is bound in the heart of a child? _____

What does a good spanking do? _____
14. What two things can you do that keep God from blessing you? (vs. 16) _____

15. What should you hear, or listen to? (vs. 17) _____
And, what should you apply to your heart? _____
16. Who should you not become friends with? _____

LESSON 55
Proverbs 23

TRUE OR FALSE

___ When you eat with an important person, such as a governor, eat like a pig.

___ We are to work towards getting rich.

___ We need to depend upon our own wisdom.

___ When you get money, it lasts for a long time.

___ Be sure to hang around people with an evil eye so you can be benefited.

___ When evil people do good things for you, they mean it in their heart.

___ Fools despise words of wisdom.

___ God is the redeemer of the fatherless and poor, and He will judge you if you do them harm.

___ Cause your heart to desire instruction and knowledge.

___ Never correct a child who needs to be corrected.

___ It's better to not spank a naughty child, because it doesn't matter if you send his soul to hell.

Verse 17: Fill in the blanks: "Let _____ thine _____ envy _____ :

But be thou in the _____ of the _____ all the _____ long."

Verse 19: What two things does God say in this verse? _____

According to verses 20-21, what happens if we hand out with drunkards, gluttons and people who want to party all the time?

Verse 22 tell us to:

Verse 23: What are we to "buy" and not "sell"?

Verses 24, 25: How can you cause your father and mother to rejoice?

Verses 26-35 is about: (Circle the right answers)

Education Traveling Immorality Shopping Animals Drunkenness

LESSON 56
Proverbs 24:1-23

1. When it comes to evil men, what two things should you not do? (vs. 1) _____

2. Why? (vs. 2) _____
3. "House" in verse 3 means more than just the physical building. Explain: _____

4. (Vs. 5) If you want to be strong, what do you need to do? (Circle your answer)
Sleep a lot Eat a lot Seek fun Seek friends Seek wisdom & knowledge
5. Where is a person "safe" according to verse 6? _____
6. What does God consider foolish thinking? (vs. 9) _____
7. Complete verse 10: "If thou _____ in the _____ of _____,
thy _____ is _____."
8. How does a person acquire strength of character? (vs. 5) _____
And, where does this come from? (Pr. 1:7) _____
9. What are verses 11 & 12 about? _____

10. Verses 13 & 14 are really about: (See Psalm 19:7-11) _____
11. According to verses 17 & 18, what displeases the Lord? _____

12. Why aren't we to fret about evil men, or be envious of them? (vs. 19, 20)

13. What is not good? (vs. 23) _____
So, this means that we are to be upright, honest and impartial, right? _____

LESSON 57
Proverbs 24:24-25:28

1. What can the wicked say that causes them to be cursed? (vs. 24) _____

2. What comes to those who rebuke such a wicked person? _____

3. What advice do we find in verse 28? _____

4. Are we supposed to do (bad) to others as they have done to us? _____

Who promises to pay back according to what has been done? _____ (vs. 29)

5. Verses 30-34 describe what kind of a person? (Circle the right answers)

Hard-working Lazy Diligent Slothful Intelligent Careless Loser

6. What is better than exalting yourself? _____

7. What is a word like that is spoken at just the right time? (vs. 11) _____

8. What is a wise reprover who reproves an obedient person compared to?

9. Who is like clouds and wind without the benefit of rain? _____

10. Why would your neighbor end up hating you? (vs. 17) (Circle right answer.)

You don't mow your lawn You overstay your welcome You ignore them

11. Can you trust an unfaithful man in time of trouble? _____

12. How should you treat an enemy? _____

13. How should your face look when someone is gossiping? _____

14. What should men NOT search for? _____

15. What is like a city that is broken down, and without walls? _____

LESSON 58
Proverbs 26

1. Does a curse need a cause, or opening, in order to be effective? _____
2. Verse 4 is in regard to *instruction*. You cannot teach, or instruct a fool. Read Matthew 7:6. What does Matthew 7:6 say about this subject?

Verse 5 refers to when a fool attacks *you*. In this case, you need to “take a board to their head” (using the truth of the Bible) to silence them.

3. Verse 10 refers to: (Circle your answer)
 Fools get a reward Transgressors are judged Fools will be judged
4. According to verse 11, do fools stop and consider their actions, learn? _____
5. What is worse than being a fool? (vs. 12) _____
6. If you are passing by people who are arguing, should you get involved?
7. What causes strife to cease? (vs. 20) _____
8. Who starts fights? (vs. 21) _____
9. What can lying words do to people? (vs. 22) _____
10. If a person with hatred speaks fair words, how many abominations are there hidden in his heart? (vs. 25) _____
11. If a person’s hatred is hidden by deceit, who will be shown his wickedness? (vs. 26) _____
12. If your enemy digs a pit for you to fall into, who shall fall into it? _____
13. Fill in the blanks (vs. 28): “A _____ tongue _____ those that are _____ by it: and a _____ mouth works _____.”

LESSON 59
Proverbs 27

1. Why does God tell us not to boast about what we're going to do tomorrow?

2. Does God tell us to praise ourselves, or brag about ourselves? _____
3. Wrath is cruel, anger outrageous, but what is harder to stand up to? _____
4. Is open rebuke a good thing? _____ Why? _____
5. What is deceitful? (vs. 6) _____
What does this mean: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend"? _____
6. If a "full soul loathes a honeycomb," how do you think most people feel who live in a society or culture that is steeped in "religion?" (Check your answer(s))
 Appreciate it Ignore it Take it for granted Love it Hate it
Can we take God for granted and grow dull in our spiritual life? _____
7. How can a good friend rejoice the heart? (vs. 9) _____
8. Who is better than a brother who lives far off in the day of calamity? _____
9. What do the wise do when they see evil coming? _____
10. Explain what verse 17 means: _____
11. What is never full? _____ What is never satisfied? _____
12. What two metals are refined through fire? _____
How does God refine His saints? (See Heb. 11:25; Ja. 5:10; 1 Pe. 2:20)

13. What is not forever? (vs. 24) _____
14. What does God provide? (See also Matt. 6:25-34) _____
_____ What are we to seek first? _____

LESSON 60
Proverbs 28

TRUE OR FALSE (vs. 1-10)

- ___ It's a good thing for the poor to oppress the poor.
- ___ Those who keep the law contend with the wicked who do not.
- ___ Those who seek the Lord understand all things, especially judgment.
- ___ It's better to be poor and upright, than rich and perverted.
- ___ A son that runs in a gang brings shame to his father.
- ___ People who turn away from hearing the truth will have their prayers answered.
- ___ Whoever causes a righteous person to go astray in an evil way, he shall himself fall into his own pit.

1. Complete verse 13: "He that _____ his _____ shall not _____: but whoso _____ and _____ them _____ have _____."
2. Who is happy according to verse 14? _____
What happens to the person who hardens their heart? _____
3. How can a person prolong their days? (vs. 16b) _____
4. What is not good? (vs. 21) _____
5. Who has an evil eye, and will end up poor? _____
6. What is better, rebuke or flattery? _____
7. Who is on the same level as a destroyer? _____
8. What do people with a proud heart do? (vs. 25) _____
9. Complete verse 16: "He that _____ in his own _____ is a _____: but whoso walketh _____, he shall be _____."

10. Explain verse 27: _____

LESSON 61
Proverbs 29

1. Write out verse 1: _____

Explain what this verse means to you in your own words: _____

2. When the righteous are voted in, what do the righteous people do? _____

3. Explain verse 7: _____

4. What does 20b mean? _____

5. Name at least three ways to win souls to Christ: _____

6. What do fools do? (vs. 11) _____

7. What does a child left to himself bring to his mother? _____

8. What happens with the wicked increase in any society? _____

9. What causes people to perish? (vs. 18) _____

10. What did you learn from verse 20? _____

11. What does an angry man cause? _____

12. What does a man's pride do for him? (vs. 23) _____

What upholds the humble in spirit? _____

13. What does the fear of man bring? _____ Who is safe? _____

14. What kind of a man is an abomination to the just? _____

Who is an abomination to the wicked? _____

LESSON 63
Proverbs 31

1. What sin of omission does verse 5 refer to? _____
2. Whose cause are we to plead for? (vs. 9) _____
3. What is worth far more than rubies? _____
4. Can her husband trust her? _____
5. All the days of her life she will do him what? _____
6. Circle the words that best describe this woman:
 Lazy Hard working Ignores her family Cares for her family Foolish Wise
7. Who does she care for? (vs. 20) _____
8. What two things describe her “real” clothing? (vs. 25) _____
9. What two things come out of her mouth? (vs. 26) _____
10. What “bread” does she not eat of? _____
11. What do her children and husband call her? _____
12. Fill in the blanks: (vs. 30) “Favor is _____, and _____
 is _____; but a _____ that _____ the _____,
 she _____ be _____.”
13. What will praise her? _____
14. What is the main theme of the Book of Proverbs? _____
15. What did you learn from Proverbs? _____

16. Write one of your favorite verses here: _____

17. In ancient times, people revered (valued) wisdom. Do you think our society today seeks wisdom? _____ Y/N Explain your answer: _____
