

Daily Bible Reading Plan - Proverbs

Proverbs: An Introduction by: Eugene Peterson

Many people think that what's written in the Bible has mostly to do with getting people into heaven - getting right with God, saving their eternal souls. It does have to do with that, of course, but not *mostly*. It is equally concerned with living on this earth - living well, living in robust sanity. In our Scriptures, heaven is not the primary concern, to which earth is a tag-along afterthought, "On earth as it is in heaven" is Jesus prayer.

Wisdom is the biblical term for this on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven every day living. Wisdom is the art of living skill-fully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves. It has virtually nothing to do with information as such, with knowledge as such. A college degree is no certification of wisdom nor is it primary concerned with keeping us out of moral mud puddles, although it does have a profound moral effect upon us.

Wisdom has to do with becoming skillful in honoring our parents and raising our children, handling our money and conducting our sexual lives, going to work and exercising leadership, using words well and treating friends kindly, eating and drinking healthily, cultivating emotions within ourselves and attitudes toward others that make for peace. Threaded through all these items is the insistence that the way we think of and respond to God is the most practical thing we do. In matters of everyday practicality, nothing, absolutely nothing, takes precedence over God. Proverbs concentrates on these concerns more than any other book in the Bible. Attention to the here and now is everywhere present in the stories and legislation, the prayers and the sermons, that are spread over the thousands of pages of the Bible. Proverbs distills it all into riveting images and aphorisms that keep us connected in holy obedience to the ordinary.

Start by watching the Bible Project Video - [Intro to Proverbs - click here](#)

4 Week Reading Schedule

Day	Topic	Reading
Week 1 Day 1	The Goal of Wisdom	Proverbs 1:1-7
Week 1 Day 2	A Father's appeal #1 - No unjust gain	Proverbs 1:8-19
Week 1 Day 3	The Appeal of Wisdom #1	Proverbs 1:20-33
Week 1 Day 4	A Father's appeal #2 - Get Wisdom	Proverbs 2:1-22
Week 1 Day 5	A Father's appeal #3 - Fear the Lord	Proverbs 3:1-12
Week 2 Day 1	A Wisdom Hymn	Proverbs 3:13-20
Week 2 Day 2	A Father's appeal #4 - Walk securely	Proverbs 3:21-35
Week 2 Day 3	A Father's appeal #5 - maintain wisdom	Proverbs 4:1-9
Week 2 Day 4	A Father's appeal #6 - Two ways to live	Proverbs 4:10-19
Week 2 Day 5	A Father's appeal #7 - The heart of wisdom	Proverbs 4:20-27
Week 3 Day 1	A Father's appeal #8 - Sexuality	Proverbs 5:1-23
Week 3 Day 2	Warnings against debt, apathy & discord	Proverbs 6:1-19
Week 3 Day 3	A Father's appeal #9 - Avoid adultery	Proverbs 6:20-35
Week 3 Day 4	A Father's appeal #10 - Flee temptation	Proverbs 7:1-27
Week 3 Day 5	The Appeal of Wisdom #2	Proverbs 8:1-36
Week 4 Day 1	Lady Wisdom & Lady Folly	Proverbs 9:1-18
Week 4 Day 2	Sayings of the Wise part 1	Proverbs 22:17-29
Week 4 Day 3	Sayings of the Wise part 2	Proverbs 23:1-18
Week 4 Day 4	Sayings of the Wise part 3	Proverbs 23:19-35
Week 4 Day 5	Sayings of the Wise part 4	Proverbs 24

How to Study Proverbs Each Day

1. **Open with Prayer** - find a quiet spot where you can be alone with the Lord for a few minutes.
2. **Bible Reading** - Begin by Reading Each Passage Slowly 1 or 2x's
3. **Observations and Meditations:**
 - Underline, circle or highlight key words or themes
 - Choose 1 or 2 sections or “chunks” that most stand out to you and meditate on these sections
4. **Ask Questions**
 - What does this passage teach about me about God, man, life, sin?
 - What 1 or 2 life principles do you observe in this section?
 - Where in your life or the life of someone else have you seen this observation illustrated?
 - How can you put this observation into practice—in thought, attitude, word, or deed?
 - Lastly, try to summarize your thoughts by rewriting your thoughts and observations into your own words in a sentence or two.
5. **Close in Prayer**

Study in Community: We should never forget that Proverbs was written not for private reading but as a manual to be worked through in a community of learners, with older, wiser mentors. At the very least consider finding a group of friends you could use this daily bible reading plan with for accountability, discussion, and prayer. Here is a suggested way to do this.

At the end of each reflection use the daily questions to help you think more personally about how the teaching applies to your life. Write the answer to these question in a journal. Word. Close in prayer by speaking to God about how the particular Scriptural teaching should play out in your life. This should be your daily routine—read, meditate using the journal questions, and pray. Then meet with your friends who are doing the same daily exercise as often as you can. Share your best insights, discuss them together, encourage one another to apply the insights to your lives, and report to one another on how your efforts are going.