

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Proverbs 12**

Welcome to Journey Through the Bible Winter 2022. We resume our journey, picking up where we left off in Proverbs. This will be a week of reading couplets. Let's start by reading straight through Proverbs 12 and as you read, look for repeating themes. Then come back and we will break the themes down. There are 7 themes found in this chapter. The main themes are WICKEDNESS (with its instability) vs. GODLINESS (with its deep roots) which is found in verses 3, 5-7, 10, 20-21, and 28. What points do these proverbs make about the difference in the two? The next largest theme is the use of our WORDS. The difference between GODLY WORDS and WICKED WORDS. These are found in verses 13-14; 16-19; and 25-26. As you re-read these verses, what is revealed to you about words? Are your words godly or wicked according to these proverbs? Another theme that appears is HARD-WORKING vs. LAZINESS, or ordinary vs. self-important. We see this theme in verses 9, 12, 24 and 27. What is the point of these verses? There is also a theme addressing our minds. Do we have WISE, sensible minds or FOOLISH, warped minds? To find out, read verses 8, 11, 15 and 23. Which best describes your mind? There are 3 more themes, but they have only one or two verses. Verse 1 is a theme by itself. What do you think the theme is for this verse? Do you love DISCIPLINE? Verses 2 and 22 are about the themes of what GOD APPROVES and CONDEMNS. Finally, verse 4 is a description of A GOOD WIFE vs. A BAD WIFE. What do these Proverbs reveal to you about God and the way God has ordered the way we live? What does it point out to you about ourselves, how we should live? Finally, consider how these point to Jesus' teachings. How does Jesus live these proverbs out and fulfill them?

### **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Proverbs 13**

Today we move on to chapter 13. There are 8 themes covered in this chapter. Take a moment and see if you can identify the 8 themes. The largest theme today is WISE vs. FOOLISH children, as we see in verses 1, 13-14, 16, 18, 20 and 24. When the proverbs use the term children, they mean a child, but as you read, remind yourself you are God's child. The next most addressed theme is GODLY vs. WICKED living. You can read this theme in verses 5-6, 9, 21, 22, and 25. There is a difference between the two. Do you see both in yourself? We are all a little of both, which is why these instructions are so important. Moving on, we see the theme of HARD-WORKING vs. LAZINESS again in verses 4, 7, 8 and 11. How are these lessons applicable to our culture today? The next theme is an examination of our hearts. Do we have a SICK HEART or a FULFILLED HEART/LIFE? You can check it out in verses 12, 17 and 19. Next, we see the theme about our WORDS in verses 2-3. This theme has been in just about every chapter. What does this proverb say? Then there are three themes with only one verse. INJUSTICE is in verse 23. GOOD SENSE vs. HOT HEADEDNESS is in verse 15. And finally, the theme of PRIDE vs. WISDOM in verse 10. So how do these proverbs apply to you? What does this reveal to you about God and His ways? What does this reveal about us humans? Consider our need for wisdom, especially when we thought we were wiser than God. How does this point to Jesus, who embodies God's wisdom?

### **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Proverbs 14**

Proverbs 14 is our chapter today. Again, there are 8 themes. Read through the chapter to see if you can identify them. The major theme today is the wise vs. fools. This is addressed in verses 1, 6, 8-9, 11, 14-19, 22, 32, and 33. Are you in the wise or foolish camp? The next largest theme here is again on usage of our words. We read these in vss. 3, 5, 7, 25 and 29. Consider how this ties into being wise or foolish. A new theme emerges today – the theme of loving God or despising God in verses 2, 26-27, and 31. What is the difference? Again, we have the theme of hardworking or lazy (clean or empty). This theme is spelled out in vss. 4, 12, 23, and 28. We see a return today of nation status in verses 28, 34, and 35. What is the moral of this story? Wealth is a hot topic in our culture today. What do proverbs teach us about rich vs. poor in verses 20-21, 24, and 31? A new theme of bitterness vs. joy is found in verses 10 and 13. What is the difference? Which should you seek? And we finish up today with a proverb on being peace-filled or being jealous in verse 30. We have all been on both sides of this one. What do these reveal to you about God? About humanity? Where do you see Jesus in these proverbs?

### **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Proverbs 15**

Today we will see 12 themes. Most are just 2-3 verses. Let's start by reading through the chapter and identifying themes. What do you think was the largest theme? It was the use of our WORDS. Verses 1-3, 4, 7, 18, 23, 26 and 28 are all covering this theme. What is the point of the theme? The next largest theme was about our HEART HEALTH. We read these proverbs in 13, 15-17, 28, and 30. According to these proverbs, is your heart healthy? We again have the theme of GODLY vs. WICKED living in verses 6, 8-9, 14, and 29. Notice the theme of the LORD'S APPROVAL as well, in verses 8-9. The theme of DISCIPLINE is found in verses 5, 10, 12, 31, and 32. What are we taught about the need for discipline? The theme of the WISE vs. FOOLISH is found in verses 21 and 24 and tied to this is the theme of SEEKING ADVICE in verse 22. How are these tied together? There is the theme of PRIDE and HUMILITY in verses 25 and 33. What is the difference, according to the text? In verses 3 and 11, we don't necessarily have a proverb as much as a description of God. What is revealed to you in these verses? Verse 19 addresses the theme of LAZINESS vs. HARD WORK. Verse 20 is the theme of Children. And we wind up today up with the themes of GREED and BRIBES. While neither are good, what can we learn from this in verse 27? What was revealed about God? About us as humans? And how is Jesus revealed in these proverbs?

### **Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Proverbs 16**

We close the week out with Proverbs 16. Can you identify the 11 themes contained in this chapter? The LORD'S EXAMINATION is the largest theme and is found in verses 1-4, 9, 11, 27 and 33. Why is this theme important? Once again, we see the WORDS theme in verses 13, 21, 23-24, 27 and 28. What teachings are reinforced in these verses? A new theme is PRIDE vs. HUMILITY in vss. 5, 17-19 and 27. What is the take-away from these proverbs? There is a return of the theme NATIONS and RULERS in vss. 10 and 12-15. How is our nation and our rulers doing in regard to these instructions? There is also a return to GODLY vs. WICKED living in verses 29-31. According to these proverbs, where in your life are you godly or wicked? There is a variation on a couple of themes which is addressed here as GODLY POOR vs. RICH WICKED in vss. 8 and 26. What is the point of these two proverbs? There are also two proverbs about PLEASING GOD in verses 7 and 33. Good ones to study and implement. And there are two verses addressing Discipline in vss. 20 and 22. The final 3 themes each have one verse. SELF-CONTROL/PATIENCE is addressed in verse 32. FEAR OF THE LORD/ATONEMENT is explained in vs. 6; and finally, WISDOM vs. WEALTH is in verse 16. All three have something to teach us. What is revealed about God in these proverbs? What is revealed about us? How do they point to Jesus?

### **Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - For tomorrow please read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Outreach Sunday.**