

Help for Studying the Proverbs

Sunday Night Lesson

Make application of a chapter in Proverbs by looking for the following characteristics in the text (What does the chapter say about...?):



COMMUNICATION: Begin your study with communication with God. Pray for wisdom to understand and apply what the proverbs are teaching. Psalm 119:18



HOME: Our homes are the primary setting in which we apply Biblical truths. Link the proverbs to situations around the home (relationships with family). Psalm 119:54-55, 148; Prov 18:13, 22



ATTITUDES: What attitudes do the proverbs complement? What attitudes should I rid from my life? Attitudes are what drive my actions. Psalm 119:2, 34; Prov 18:10-11



RELATIONSHIPS: Examine what the proverbs say about relationships outside the home (friends, enemies, neighbors, superiors, and subordinates). Psalm 119:63, 136; Prov 18:23



ACTIONS: The right attitude without action is worthless. Choose an action that the proverbs focus on that you can incorporate into your life. Psalm 119:105; Prov 18:9



CONSEQUENCES: Look in the proverbs for both the positive and the negative consequences of our actions and attitudes. Psalm 119:165; Prov 18:19



TONGUE: What we say comes from our hearts so our words are a good judge of what's going on inside. Psalm 119:171-172; Prov 18:20



EXPRESSION: Maybe the most challenging part of any study is conveying (expressing) the message to others. The proverbs have instruction in this area. Psalm 119:13, 42, 46; Prov 18:14



REMEMBRANCE: Being able to recall a passage to mind helps us deal with many unexpected situations. Commit one of the proverbs to memory. Psalm 119:11; Prov 18:21