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WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

OBSERVATION

What does the text say?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

OBSERVATION

- **Mark key words and phrases** (person, theme)
- **Look for lists**
- **Watch for contrasts and comparisons**
(like, as)
- **Note expressions of time**
(until, then, when, after, a date, day of week, etc.)
- **Identify terms of conclusion**
(wherefore, therefore, because, finally)

INTERPRETATION

- **The Rule of Context**
- **Other Scripture References**
- **Take the Scripture At Face Value**
(In its natural, normal sense)

Understand and recognize figures of speech and interpret them accordingly.

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

Does this expose any error in my beliefs or behavior?

Are there any truths, commands or promises that apply to me?

BASIC BIBLE NAVIGATION

OLD TESTAMENT

39 Books

NEW TESTAMENT

27 Books

YOU ARE HERE

- Law (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua - Esther)

 Poetry (Job - Song of Solomon)

- Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)

2025–2026 GOALS

October	Isaiah
November	Jeremiah
December	Lamentations

January	Ezekiel
February	Daniel
March	Hosea
April	Joel
May	Amos

2025–2026 GOALS

June

Obadiah

July

Jonah

August

Micah/Nahum

September

Habakkuk/Zephaniah

October

Haggi/Zechariah

November

Malachi

December

Celebration!



REVIEW



PROVERBS

A GUIDE FOR GODLY LIVING

DISTINCTIONS TO RECOGNIZE

Proverb

A short saying that expresses a general truth for practical, godly living.

Promise

A pledge that something will (or will not) be done or given or come to pass.

HEBREW POETRY

Synonymous Parallelism (Repeats)

By wisdom the LORD founded the earth
by understanding he created the heavens.

Proverbs 3:19

Antithetic Parallelism (Contrasts)

A wise child brings joy to a father;
a foolish child brings grief to a mother.

Proverbs 10:1

HEBREW POETRY

Synthetic Parallelism (Clarifies & Expands)

For the LORD corrects those he loves.
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:12

Comparative Parallelism

(Compares a truth to common experience or observation of nature.)

“Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor.”

Proverbs 25:18

THE PURPOSE

- To teach people wisdom and discipline.
- To help them understand the insights of the wise.
- To teach people to live disciplined and successful lives.
- To help them do what is right, just, and fair.

THE PURPOSE

- To give insight to the simple.
- To give knowledge and discernment to the young.
- To help the wise become even wiser.
- To give guidance to those with understanding.

THE BENEFITS

- The wise become wiser.
- Those with understanding receive guidance.
- You will understand what it means to fear the Lord.
- You will gain knowledge of God.

THE BENEFITS

- You will understand what is right, just, and fair.
- You will find the right way to go.
- Wisdom will enter your heart.
- Knowledge will fill you with joy.

THE BENEFITS

- Wise choices will watch over you.
- Understanding will keep you safe.
- Wisdom will save you from evil people.
- Wisdom will save you from the immoral woman.

FATHER TO SON

- Listen when your father corrects you.
- Don't neglect your mother's instruction.
- If sinners entice you, turn your back on them.
- Tune your ears to wisdom.
- Concentrate on understanding.

FATHER TO SON

- Cry out for insight.
- Ask for understanding.
- Store my commands in your heart.
- Never let loyalty and kindness leave you.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

FATHER TO SON

- Seek the Lord's will in all you do.
- Honor the Lord with your wealth.
- Don't reject the Lord's discipline.
- Don't be upset when the Lord corrects you.

FATHER TO SON

- Don't lose sight of common sense and discernment.
- Do not withhold good from those who deserve it.
- Don't plot harm against your neighbor.

FATHER TO SON

- Don't pick a fight without reason.
- Don't envy violent people or copy their ways.
- Pay attention and learn good judgment.
- Guard your heart above all else.

WISDOM ASKS

- How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded?
- How long will you mockers relish your mocking?
- How long will you fools hate knowledge?

WISDOM SPEAKS

- Come and listen to my counsel.
- I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.
- I called you so often, but you wouldn't come.

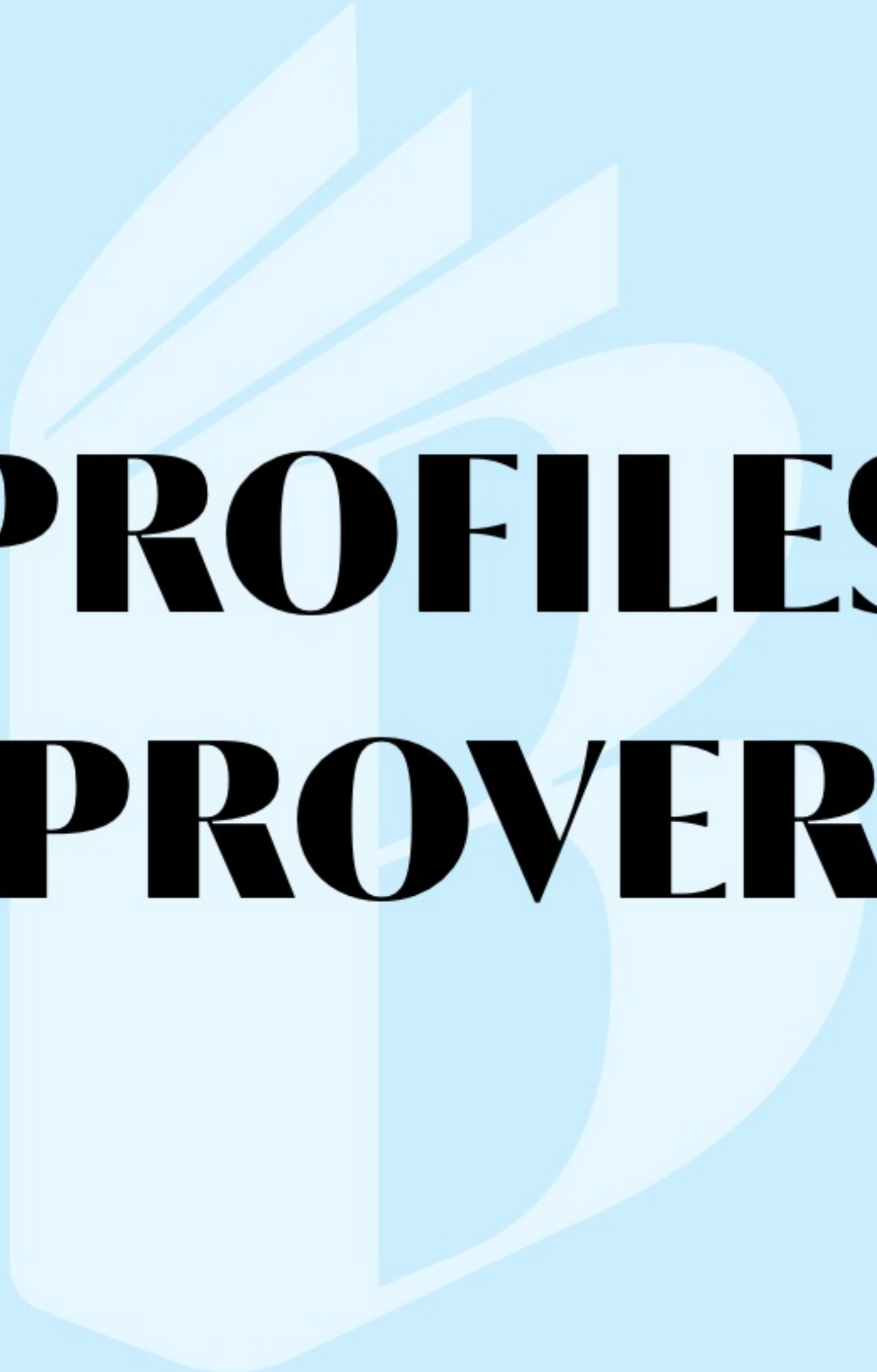
WISDOM SPEAKS

- I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.
- You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.

GROUP TALK

As we look at these examples, maybe someone comes to mind. Maybe even ourselves.

How has wisdom helped you navigate your life and relationships?



PROFILES IN PROVERBS

THE MOCKER (SCOFFER)

- They relish their mocking.
- Answers a rebuke with an insult.
- They answer correction with hatred.
- Refuses to listen to correction.

THE MOCKER (SCOFFER)

- Hate to be corrected.
- Stay away from the wise.
- Wine produces mockers.
- Proud and haughty; they act with boundless arrogance.

THE MOCKER (SCOFFER)

- Accompanied by fighting, quarrels and insults.
- Everyone detests them.
- They can agitate a whole town.

THE FOOL

- Despises wisdom and discipline.
- Hates knowledge.
- Destroyed by their own complacency.
- Will be put to shame.
- Brings grief to their mother.

THE FOOL

- Falls flat on their faces.
- Invites disaster.
- Slanders others.
- Destroyed by their lack of common sense.
- Has fun doing wrong.

THE FOOL

- Will be a servant to the wise.
- Think their own way is right.
- Is quick tempered.
- Broadcasts their foolishness.
- Refuses to turn from evil to see their dreams come true.

THE FOOL

- They deceive themselves.
- Make fun of guilt.
- They plunge ahead with reckless confidence.
- Their effort yields only foolishness.

THE FOOL

- Wisdom is not found among them.
- Despises a parent's discipline.
- They feed on trash.
- They despise their mother.

THE FOOL

- Discipline is wasted on them.
- Can be dangerous when they are caught in their foolishness.
- It's senseless to pay to educate them.
- Are thought wise when they keep silent.

THE FOOL

- Have no interest in understanding; only want to air their own opinions.
- Their words get them into constant quarrels.
- Their mouths are their ruin; they trap themselves with their lips.

THE FOOL

- Spout off before listening to the facts.
- Ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.
- Insist on quarreling.
- Spend whatever they get.

THE WISE

- Will inherit honor.
- Will love those who correct them.
- Will become even wiser when instructed.
- Glad to be instructed.

THE WISE

- Treasure knowledge.
- Wins friends.
- Listens to others.
- Stays calm when insulted.

THE WISE

- Their words bring healing.
- Don't make a show of their knowledge.
- Accepts a parent's discipline.
- Their instruction is like a life-giving fountain.

THE WISE

- They think before they act.
- Their words keep them safe.
- They are cautious and avoid danger.
- Wealth is a crown for them.

THE WISE

- Their tongues make knowledge appealing.
- They learn from correction.
- They give good advice.
- Mockers stay away from them.

THE WISE

- They are hungry for knowledge.
- Their life's path leads upward; they leave the grave behind.
- They listen to constructive criticism.
- Their words are persuasive.

THE LAZY (SLUGGARD)

- Are soon poor.
- Irritate their employers.
- They become slaves.
- They want much but get little.

THE LAZY (SLUGGARD)

- As bad as someone who destroys things.
- Gets lots of sleep, but left hungry by idleness
- Will come to ruin for refusing to work.
- Consider themselves smarter than the wise.

THE IMMORAL WOMAN

- She is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.
- Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.
- She cares nothing about the path to life.

THE SIMPLETON (NAIVE)

- Are easily misled.
- Believe everything they're told.
- Are clothed with foolishness.
- Goes blindly into danger and suffers the consequences.

THE PRUDENT

- Understand where they are going.
- Carefully consider their steps.
- Crowned with knowledge.
- Foresees danger and takes precautions.

SINNERS

- Entice the innocent.
- Ambush, rob and kill the innocent just for fun.
- Rush to commit evil deeds; hurry to commit murder.
- Set an ambush for themselves; trying to get themselves killed.

SINNERS

- Their greed robs them of life.
- Trouble chases them.

THE GODLY

- The Lord offers his friendship to them.
- They are showered with blessings.
- We have happy memories of them.
- Their words are a life-giving fountain.

THE GODLY

- Their earnings enhance their lives.
- They have a lasting foundation.
- Their hopes result in happiness.
- Their mouth gives wise advice.

THE GODLY

- They are directed by honesty.
- The whole city celebrates when they succeed.
- Their reward will last.
- They find life.

THE GODLY

- They can look forward to a reward.
- They have deep roots.
- Their plans are just.
- Their family stands firm.

THE GODLY

- They care for their animals.
- They give good advice to their friends.
- Their way leads to life.
- They hate lies.

THE GODLY

- Their life is full of light and joy.
- They acknowledge guilt and seek reconciliation.
- They have a refuge when they die.
- Their heart thinks carefully before speaking.

THE GODLY

- They run to the Lord and are safe.
- They walk with integrity.
- Justice is a joy to them.
- They love to give.



WHAT ABOUT...

FRIENDS

- The godless destroy their friends with their words.
- A wise person wins friends.
- The rich have many “friends.”
- Gossip separates the best of friends.

FRIENDS

- Dwelling on a fault separates close friends.
- A friend is always loyal.
- It's poor judgment to put up security for a friend.
- An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city.

HONOR

- The wise will inherit honor.
- If you accept correction, you will be honored.
- Humility precedes honor.
- Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor.

HONOR

- If you pursue righteousness and unfailing love you will find life, righteousness, and honor.
- True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.
- Humility brings honor.

FEAR (REVERENCE)

- Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge and wisdom.
- All who fear the Lord will hate evil.
- Fear of the Lord lengthens one's life.

FEAR (REVERENCE)

- Those who follow the right path fear the Lord.
- Those who fear the Lord are secure.
- Fear of the Lord is a life-giving fountain.

FEAR (REVERENCE)

- Better to have little, with the fear for the Lord, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.
- Fear of the Lord teaches wisdom.
- By fearing the Lord, people avoid evil.

FEAR (DREAD)

- All who listen to wisdom will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm.
- The fears of the wicked will be fulfilled.
- Fearing people is a dangerous trap.

WORDS/SPEECH

- Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.
- Wise words come from the lips of people with understanding.
- Wise words bring many benefits.

WORDS/SPEECH

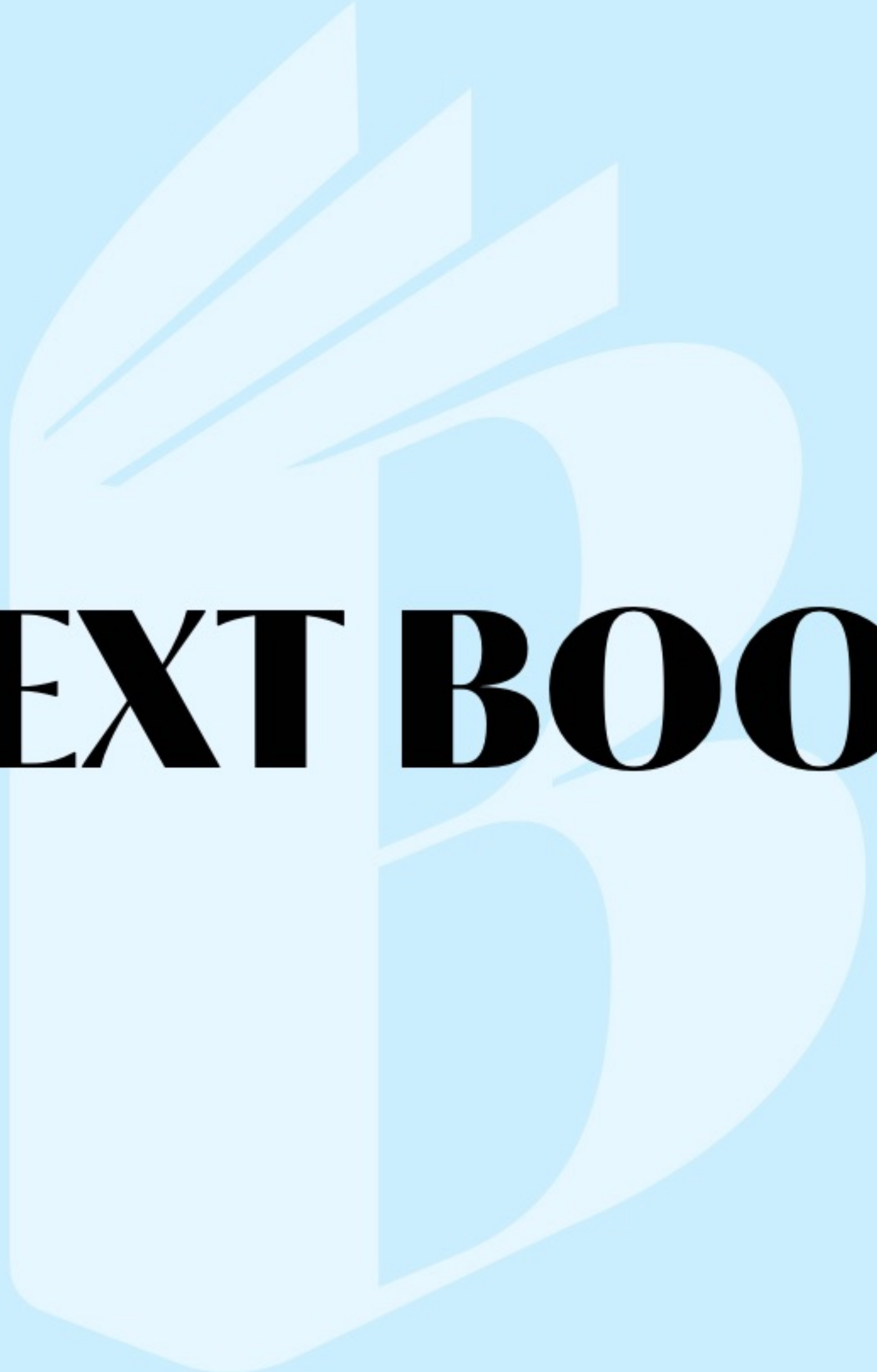
- Truthful words stand the test of time.
- A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.
- Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

MARRIAGE

- Drink water from your own well— share you love only with your wife.
- Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.
- Sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life.

MARRIAGE

- A worthy wife is a crown for her husband, but a disgraceful woman is like cancer in his bones.
- The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord.



NEXT BOOK



ECCLESIASTES

WISDOM, MADNESS & FOLLY
OF A FOOLISH WISE MAN



SONG OF SOLOMON

A LOVE SONG

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.
(There are only 20 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as you read and study along with any questions you encounter.

PREVIOUS NOTES

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