

Proverbs Study Week 11

Proverbs 6:20-35

Join us this week as we finish Proverbs 6 and study some lessons for daily life. As we grow, get older and live life, who's wisdom do we hold on to? We must work hard to surround ourselves with people who are wise and have lives we want to emulate.

*****Read Proverbs 6:20-35*****

- **Do you or did you have parents who instilled wisdom into your life? Who in your life, outside of your parents, do you look to for wisdom? What is the benefit of having older people in your life? Are you somebody who struggles to ask others for help or wisdom? Think about the last big decision you made, did you bring others in to help make it?**

- With Proverbs 6:20-23 in mind, read the following verses and discuss how they relate
 - Ephesians 6:1
 - Proverbs 1:8
 - Deuteronomy 6:8
 - Proverbs 3:3
 - Psalm 119:11
 - Joshua 1:8
 - Colossians 3:16
 - Matthew 4:4
 - As we grow older, it is natural and good for kids to become more and more independent of their parents. In our culture, it seems some stay in adolescence way longer than they should, or some separate from their parents way to early. While there might be extenuating circumstances behind both, we should take great mind to head the wisdom of those in our lives. As we become adults, we must rely on the wisdom of our parents and those in our lives. If you are struggling with a decision or seeking insight to a situation, have a conversation with your parents and those wise people in your life. Then, take what they have advised, and make an adult decision. You must live with the results of your decisions, so act wisely!

*****Read Proverbs 6:24-35*****

In our culture, sexual sin is rampant. From television, movies, music and advertisements, we are bombarded constantly with the temptation to sin. Sexual sin is often thought to be ok because it doesn't hurt anybody. But know this, it always hurts somebody. Think about the devastation caused in marriages, spouses, families, businesses, governments because of broken trust and cheating. God's laws are not just for no reason, they protect us from destroying ourselves and those around us. We must be wise, we must recognize sin, and we must flee from it!

- **Why is trust so important to relationships? What are some practical steps you can take to guard yourself against temptation (concerning tv, social media, internet)? How do we lead ourselves, our families and others in a culture that promotes sexual sin?**

- With Proverbs 6:24-35 in mind, read the following verses and discuss how they relate.
 - Proverbs 5:3
 - Ecclesiastes 7:26
 - Matthew 5:28
 - Jesus holds us to an even higher standard. We all fall short and we all sin. We need God's grace, there is nothing we can do to earn our salvation.
 - 2 Kings 9:30
 - Jeremiah 4:30
 - Ezekiel 23:40
 - The picture Proverbs 6:27-28 paints is vivid. Can you scoop flames into your lap and not get burned? Can you walk on coals and not burn your feet? Listen, don't play with fire... you always get burned! Stay far away from it!
 - Exodus 20:17
 - Leviticus 18:20
 - Ezekiel 18:6
 - Ezekiel 33:26
 - Genesis 4:15
 - Exodus 22:1
 - Psalm 79:12
 - Proverbs 7:22-23
 - Proverbs 10:13
 - Proverbs 24:30-31

- 1 John 1:8-10
- Psalm 32:3-5

So many, both men and women, in our culture struggle with sexual sin. Repent, ask God for forgiveness and get help. Below are links for some resources.

- <https://www.boundless.org/adulthood/erasing-shame-find-forgiveness-for-sexual-sin/>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/four-ways-to-fight-sexual-sin>
- <https://www.covenanteyes.com>
- <https://promisekeepers.org/battle-for-purity/>
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